

To: Hopkinton Planning Board.

From: Mr. Mark Couture, owner of Property located at 48 Maxson Hill Road.

Re: Construction of a Photovoltaic Solar Energy System at 40 Maxson Hill

Dear Members of the Hopkinton Planning board.

Thank you for your time and effort in serving the town by being a part of the Planning board. Further, thank you for ensuring that as a direct abutter to this project, we have had an opportunity to review this project and be involved. Particular thanks to Ms. Talia Jalette for providing contact information and coordinating initial contact between ourselves and those managing the proposed project.

We have had an opportunity to meet directly with those parties involved with construction/ownership of the project to address our concerns as abutters. The Land Owner and the Developer have agreed that they will place a visual buffer in the form of a vegetated buffer using plantings (shrubs) originating at the north-east corner of the proposed project and extending in a straight line for total of 100 feet, so as to obscure the array from view of our home. I understand that the buffer will not block 100% of the array and what is planted will take a few years to fill in.

We remain invested in monitoring this project environmental impact on the subject property, the surrounding neighborhood and how it may affect other abutters. Ideally, we would like any existing forest in our neighborhood to remain undisturbed; however, within reason, we do not wish to obstruct our neighbors from free use of their land, so long as reasonable accommodation for abutters remains a priority as was done here. All involved in construction and ownership of this project have been transparent and neighborly to this point. We believe they have made a good-faith effort to mitigate how this project might directly impact the enjoyment of our property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Couture", written in a cursive style.

Mark Couture