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Subject: Re: Procedures for Review and Approval of Skunk Hill Solar and Atlantic Solar

Mr. James Lamphere
Town Planner
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Dear Jim,

Please see my inquiry from February 3, 2021 below regarding the applicable standard for reviewing the master plan application for proposed Skunk Hill solar land development project.

Can you please tell me which version of the town's master solar plan, Chapter 246, commonly referred to as the "PSES," will constitute the standard for review of this application?

Will it be the ordinance enacted on January 22, 2019 or the prior version enacted on July 18, 2016? Or will it be some future version in effect at the time that the master plan application is certified complete, if any amendments to the current solar ordinance are voted and approved by the town council?

I have asked this question many times without receiving a response. It is also troubling to me that this question was ignored at the Pre-Application meeting for the proposal that was held on October 7, 2020.

It seems to me that it is in the interest of all parties involved - the applicant, the planning board, the objectors to the proposal and all interested Hopkinton residents - to know which ordinance serves as the authority for reviewing the proposal in order to avoid wasting everyone's time on any design plans that may not comply with the basic provisions of the town's solar ordinance.

It also seems unreasonable for the town not to provide this information to all of the parties who may wish to prepare for public hearings before the planning board on this topic.

I respectfully reiterate my request for a prompt answer to this question.