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**From:** Eric Bibler <ebibler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** James Lamphere  
**Cc:** Talia Jalette; Alfred W. DiOrio; Emily Shumchenia; Ron Prellwitz; Carolyn Light; Keith Lindelow; John Pennypacker; Margaret Hogan; Stephen Moffitt; Sharon Davis; Bob Marvel; Scott Bill Hirst; Geary, Michael J {FLNA}; Stephen Sypole; S. Paul Ryan; Peter Friedrichs  
**Subject:** Documents from Objectors to Skunk Hill Solar Proposal Submitted to the Hopkinton Planning Board  
**Attachments:** 2021.07.12\_Proposed Findings by the Hopkinton Planning Board for Skunk Hill Solar.pdf; 2021.07.12\_Letter from P. Ryan to Chmn DiOrio\_Skunk Hill.pdf; 2021.02.23\_Memo to Planning Board from Skunk Hill objectors.pdf; PB Advisory Opinion to Council - AP 18 Lot 14 – 145 Skunk Hill Road – Hopkinton Land I, LLC and Skunk Hill Solar, LLC.pdf

Mr. James Lamphere  
Town Planner  
Hopkinton Planning Department

July 13, 2021

**Re: Documents from Objectors to Skunk Hill Solar Proposal Submitted to the Hopkinton Planning Board**

Dear Jim,

Paul Ryan, attorney for a group of objectors to the Skunk Hill Solar Proposal, has asked me to provide copies of the following documents to your office for distribution to the members of the Hopkinton Planning Board. I will bring hard copies of all of the documents to your office today.

1. Letter from Attorney Ryan to the planning board dated July 12, 2021
2. Copy of Attorney Ryan's memorandum to the planning board dated February 23, 2021
3. Proposed Findings of the Hopkinton Planning Board in support of a motion to deny master plan approval for the Skunk Hill Solar proposal
4. Copy of the Planning Board's adverse Advisory Opinion to the Town Council for the same project, unanimously approved by the planning board on November 7, 2018

We would appreciate it if you would make all of these documents available on the town website in connection with the planning board meeting scheduled for July 21, 2021 when this topic will be on the agenda.

Please note that Mr. Ryan's letter to the planning board makes reference to a recent comprehensive study by Professors Vasundhara Gaur and Corey Lang of the University of Rhode Island (September 29, 2020) that determined that industrial solar projects in Massachusetts and Rhode Island have had a significant adverse impact on the property values of abutters and residents. A link to the study was provided in the letter.

Mr. Ryan respectfully asks that you also post a link to this study on the town website in connection with the other materials provided to the planning board with the objectors to the proposed project.

Here is a link to the study:

[PROPERTY VALUE IMPACTS OF COMMERCIAL-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND](#)

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Eric Bibler

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