

Talia Jalette

From: Jim Lamphere <planner@hopkintonri.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:21 AM
To: 'Talia Jalette'
Subject: FW: Skunk Hill Solar opposition

Talia:

Please place this in the correspondence file for the Skunk Hill project for distribution to the Planning Board at the next meeting where this is discussed.

Thank you

Jim

From: Janice Tapley [mailto:jpd1567@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 10:04 PM
To: planner@hopkintonri.org; al@awdris.com; emily.shumchenia@gmail.com; battruck40@yahoo.com; kdglindelow@yahoo.com; john@pennypacker.net
Subject: Skunk Hill Solar opposition

Good Evening all,

I'm writing in opposition of the proposed Skunk Hill Solar project. I am a close abutter at 20 Lisa Lane. Even at this time of year with the foliage on the trees I can see out my back windows through the wooded buffer enough to see a telephone pole that is on the property. It is that close.

I know you have heard all of the arguments against this project so I will keep this short.

First and foremost, I see no possible way that this project as proposed is consistent with the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan. It is your duty to protect the rural character of this town and it's natural resources. No town or city can get away without development but it must be done in a controlled and responsible way.

This proposed project is too large for the residential area where it would to be built. The developers should be made to follow the new rule limiting the size of the installation. It is my understanding that the master plan was not approved until after the new limitation went into effect.

I can't imagine the disruption that would occur during the building phase if this project were built as currently proposed. First off, the removal of acres and acres of trees followed by the arrival of the building materials. It would be a constant parade of truck traffic on our narrow streets. Keep in mind, these are the same streets where you see walkers, joggers, and bicyclists. Arcadia Road, Skunk Hill Road and Lisa Lane, Is should not be forgotten that this is a residential area. Not suitable for a large commercial solar project.

And if we are to give up some of our rural character, which is the reason why many of us live here, what do we gain from it? Does my tax rate get reduced? Do i get to buy electricity produced by the installation at a cheaper rate than from National Grid? What are the benefits for me or for any Hopkinton resident?

This project seems one sided. That it would greatly benefit the developer, but not provide much benefit for the residents of the town.

As it currently stands, this is the wrong project for a residential area. A much smaller, less intrusive project would be a better fit.

Sincerely,
Janice Tapley
Owner at 20 Lisa Ln