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Subject: Skunk Hill Solar project

Dear Mr. DiOrio, Mr. Lamphere, Ms. Jalette and planning board members,

My name is Bethany Foster and I have lived at 3 Lisa Lane for 29 years. My house does not directly abut the proposed solar array but my property abuts Skunk Hill Road.

I'm not exactly sure what authority the planning board has so I did not speak at the last meeting. I would however be remiss if I didn't share my concerns.

I am not in favor of the solar array for so many reasons that have already been mentioned; removal of trees, displacement of wildlife, potential land erosion, decreased property value, appearance, concern for my neighbors and their view, sheer size, unknown health implications for an array of this size, funding available for removal of panels after 30 years.

If however the board has no authority to prevent the building of such an outrageously sized solar array within our quiet residential neighborhood, I'd like to bring forward these additional concerns for your consideration.

1. Are the engineers 100% certain that there will be no impact on well water, water table and underground rivers? My well is fairly shallow as I would guess are many in the neighborhood.
2. Our neighborhood, Skunk hill road and adjoining Arcadia road is full of walkers, bikers, children waiting for the school bus. The streets are fairly narrow especially the blind curve on Arcadia between Aldrich St and Grancera Dr and the blind curve on Skunk Hill in front of Canine Behavioral Services at 81 Skunk Hill. 2 passing cars struggle to fit in these two areas. I am concerned for those on the street with the introduction of commercial sized vehicles to clear cut, remove trees and deliver the panels as well as increased traffic for those employed by the project. What options are available to help with this issue?
3. Many of us moved to this area for the peace and quiet. I have heard varying times of operation but it would be dreadful to wake each morning and spend the entire day with the noise of heavy machinery and passing heavy trucks. And after working long hours during the week, I definitely value an extra hour of weekend sleep.
4. I value the air purity in our corner of the state and express concern for the air pollution the increased truck traffic brings.
5. Does the town have funding or will the developer be responsible for road deterioration caused by heavy machinery?
6. After listening to the abutter of the Maxson Hill project, I am extremely concerned that we will have no recourse for any potential damage to our house, land or well.
7. And in interest for future generations, is funding required to be set aside now for removal of panels in 30 years and reforestation costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bethany Foster

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