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Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:48 AM
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Cc: Lamphere James; Talia Jalette
Subject: RE: Skunk Hill 10/20/2021

Good Morning, Col...

Acknowledged and thank you.

I'm instructing the Planning Dept. to place your memo in an upcoming Planning Board package.

Thanks again and best wishes,
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*"There are risks and costs to action.
But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction."*

- John F. Kennedy

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Hello and good afternoon, Neighbors and Planning Board Members,

I would really like to attend the Planning Board Meeting tonight. Regretfully I cannot go; I have someone immunocompromised at home and cannot risk them getting sick. Please allow me to go on record with my position in this email.

I am the closest abutter, to date I believe, to the Skunk Hill solar project.
22 Lisa Lane

Vehemently, I oppose the Skunk Hill project. My heartfelt feelings are below.

I am a resident and property owner in this town.

1. The development of a plant of this scale and extent will utterly denature and destroy the environment and biodiversity of the wetlands behind Lisa Lane, obliterating not only the pure, rural character of the land, but also every habitat living there freely today.

Fences, glare, inaudible frequencies, man-made obstructions -- all of these change the patterns and migration of things that happen naturally in the wild. Changing the landscape will, at a minimum, direct rushing water down massive berms and wildlife toward our homes and into tiny corridors to our Lisa Lane backyards. The creek behind my house which is active and most alive in the spring may become a swamp during a hurricane.

2. My home is my family's sole and entire investment. I am actually in the process of *refinancing* to save \$450/mo. This development will affect me personally by devaluing my property in the time I need my investment to work for me most, it will never recover and I may be flipped when I need to sell.

Not only will my home suffer a massive hit to value, but so will every house in 1/10 radius. Estimated LOSS of \$2-3MM in property value. Our collective loss happens at the benefit of the town (as paltry as the benefit is) and the windfall to the developer.

3. I don't even own a generator because of the expense. During hurricane Henry, I did not have any electricity or water for almost three days. But, even while I sit in the dark, I see nearly every other home in the neighborhood has a generator.

Isn't it ironic that in a power outage, which happens several times a year often for days at a time, that this neighborhood will be filling gas cans from Cumberland Farms to power generators while this fat, green energy mirage sits next door.

4. Lastly, I am deeply concerned about the time and effort that will be required of the state and local officials to keep this project on track and within environmental and engineering ordinances. You have, no doubt, have heard of the news coming out of Exeter just last week. Exeter's town zoning inspector ordered a cease and desist on the greenhouse development at Schartner farms.

The honeymoon phase was over. The developer missed a deadline just four months after work had begun. Imagine all the cat and mouse games ahead for that project. If you need another example, refer to the cease and desist reported by the town of Coventry in 2019 when Green Development destroyed two acres of wetlands. The committee found the parcels detracted from efforts to preserve the rural and agricultural character of the low-density residential zone. The Zoning Board of Review also ruled against the application, citing that the large commercial project caused fragmentation and was unsuitable for the area. But the

developer didn't heed the town's decision; and, before the judge's ruling, went ahead with initial construction of the solar array.

Is this what we can look forward to?

There are options to add solar to rooftops, buildings, parking garages, farms with grazing. But, absolutely do not deforest and regrade an area of land to put in large scale solar for profit. The tangible and intangible costs to the community and environment far outweigh the small coin tossed at the town.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

With gratitude,
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