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Subject: [Town of Wareham MA] Project #21-21 Wareham MA3 Fearing Hill RD (Sent by Colleen Malone , colleenmalone@verizon.net)

Hello kbuckland,

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Message:

Good Evening,

I am writing in hopes to bring attention to my concerns about the Solar Project being proposed on Fearing Hill Road in W. Wareham. I would like this letter to become part of the public record. I have lived on Fearing Hill for 43 years, it is a beautiful residential neighborhood. I have several concerns with this project. One concern is the removing of hundreds of trees and the impact it is going to have on the ground water. Currently I have a sump pump that runs all the time. On an average year if the electricity is to go out (any month of the year), I have about 30 to 45 minutes to get my sump pump back up and running before I have water in the cellar. For 43 years I have watched my father replace the sump pump every 3 to 4 years because it let go due to so much usage. Removing trees directly across the street from me is going to have a tremendous impact on the ground water on my property and my neighbors. I know I am not the only one who has this happen on Fearing Hill. My neighbor just had to replace her sump pump about 6 months ago. Right now the trees suck up some of the water and the roots slow down the water in the ground, with out that I foresee a catastrophe in our basements with water.

A second concern I have is I have well water. I get in a perfect world nothing malfunctions, but we do not live in a perfect world. There are already several law suits in MA where companies are being sued because the Solar panels malfunctioned and hazardous chemicals leaked and got into the ground. Who is to say this won't happen. My drinking water could greatly be affected by this.

The environment will suffer, my property value will decrease but mostly importantly my quality of life will be substandard due the my last concern, the noise that these panels make. We already have them behind our house on Squirrel Island and the constant humming that goes on all night is a nuisance. Now the Town is considering to OK 7,300 panels to be directly across the street from my house. This to me is saying I can't leave the windows open in my house and enjoy the fresh air because the noise is constant and annoying. Who wants to live like that?

A project this size does not belong in a residential neighborhood. There are people that have lived here as long as I have, some even longer. I go out and collect trash to keep this area clean, there are women on my street who for years have planted flowers and cleaned an area by Blackmore Pond Road, some people I don't know their names but wave when I'm walking the dog just because. There is a certain sense of pride on my road, along with in the Town of Wareham. I have always been incredibly proud of growing up in Wareham and going to Wareham Schools. This project is the first time I have ever considered moving and selling my family house just because of the impact it is going to have. I urge you to not approve this project. The irreversible damage this project will cause is will be devastating to the environment, the town and most importantly the residents of this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Colleen Malone

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