

To: Michael King, Chairman Planning Board,
and Planning board members
cc: Mr. Ken Buckland
Re: Decision Draft, Fearing Hill Solar Project
From: Eric Lintala, resident West Wareham

November 20, 2022

On October 1st, 2022 I submitted comments on the "Decision Draft" on the Fearing Hill Solar Project to the Planning Board. As of yet I have not heard back, have not seen any changes, nor has there been any public discussion on the draft document. With all parties wanting to see sooner than later a conclusion to the Fearing Hill Solar Project, and with the recently unanimous No vote by the Conservation Commission, there may be no time for the draft to be discussed with public comment. Given that possibility I am re-submitting my comment letter from Oct 1st 2022 for review. Please see the attached letter.

I would also like to comment further on the draft decision document. In the writing of the draft document where information included will end in a vote for or against, it is imperative that the included information show no bias to either side. Presently there are instances, in certain categories, in the wording that seem to cross this line. I present an example in my re-submitted letter where it addresses the subject "Rare and Endangered Species". Other areas in the draft that also seem to present one side, under category A. "The Board Finds The Following Facts", the comments on Cultural, Historical, and Archaeological Resources as well as comments on substances used in the manufacturing of the solar panels mainly PFAS. The draft document should present the views from both sides especially where there is support documentation to back it up. And support documentation can present itself in a variety of ways. The document should be carefully worded as not to express the views of any one person or lean in any one direction. It is also important that all the information that has been submitted into the public record, which includes the information from three of the Town Planning Board's web pages, be carefully considered and included in the Decision Document in the necessary categories. The three web pages are 12-22 Wareham MA3, LLC.-SPR-91 & 101 Fearing Hill Road – CURRENT,,,,, 21-21 SPR – 91 & 101 Fearing Hill Road – WITHDRAWN,,,,, and Citizen Comments (Fearing Hill video). Under part "d. Public Comments", in the draft document, there are many pertinent letters/documents by citizens of Wareham that are not included from the town's three web pages, particularly from the "21-21 Withdrawn" and the "Citizens Comments" page. I have attached those three pages with the comments highlighted in green that should also be considered. Somewhere it should also be noted in the document that there is no recorded public support information for this project but there is a vast amount of recorded letters and documents from citizens and organizations that do not support this project, which now includes the Wareham Conservation Commission.

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cc: Planning Board Members
Re: Town Of Wareham Planning Board "Decision" Draft
Fearing Hill Solar Project
From: Eric Lintala
Wareham Ma.

October 1st, 2022

The two years worth of information presented for the Fearing Hill Solar Project is a lot, to say the least. I think the draft that has been put together so far is a good working document. I have carefully read the decision draft under d. Public Comments and c. Wareham Organization Comments. I see these comments were taken from the 12-22 Town web site page under "Attachments". To give equal and fair representation as to what the document addresses I ask the following to please be included:

2022-08-24 Letter to Chairman-MASS.GOV/RARE SPECIES VIEWER ref: Fearing Hill Project submitted by Eric Lintala 127.55 KB

2022-08-24 MASS.GOV/RARE SPECIES VIEWER ref: Fearing Hill Project submitted by Eric Lintala 2.84 MB

"Note" (2022-08-24 MASS.GOV/RARE SPECIES VIEWER ref: Fearing Hill Project submitted by Eric Lintala 36.14 KB "JUST REPEATS-LETTER TO CHAIRMAN")

Both documents pertain to specific information found on The Official Mass State Government Web Site...Mass.gov MassWildlife's Natural Heritage &Endangered Species Program Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.....RARE SPECIES VIEWER quote "We maintain a list of all documented MESA-Listed species observations in Massachusetts. Search this map by common name, scientific name, or town to see where Species Have Been Observed." They have certainly been observed in Wareham/Fearing Hill. This site clearly presents information with maps of listed Towns showing Species Locations.The site clearly shows that rare species Are Found over a wide area of forested land in Wareham, Which Includes Fearing Hill. It does not show this area as High Priority Habitat Areas. Mr shanahan uses another site on Mass.Gov that presents only High Priority Habitat Areas. This site is designed specifically for builders and contractors.

Under "Wareham Organization Comments"
Three organizations should be included from the (21-21) document.

6-25-2021 Comments on Fearing Hill Solar 60.21 MB
(This is from the Community Land & Water Colition)

10-3-2022 Historic Commission Support-Fearing Hill Preservation 95.57 KB
(This is from the Wareham Historical Commission)

11-21-2021 Save the Pine Barrens Letter – Fearing Hill Solar 4.01 MB
(Save The Pine Barrens INC. is a Wareham Organization)

Thank You
Eric