



Annie Hayes <hayesannie@gmail.com>

Fearing Hill Road Subdivision and Solar Array

8 messages

Fitzgerald Counseling <fitzcounseling@gmail.com>

To: kbuckland@wareham.ma.us

Cc: hayesannie@gmail.com

Sun, Jun 27, 2021 at 8:43 PM

Hello,

My wife, I, and our two young children, ages 2 and 5 own and reside in the home at 110 Fearing Hill Road, West Wareham. We would like to voice our concerns regarding the recent subdivision/solar array proposed project by Wareham MA 3, LLC. The recent solar field built behind our property has given rise to an increase in flooding in the area, and a noticeable increase in biting insects corresponding with this. We have concern that additional clearing of forested lands will exacerbate this problem. Last year was the first we have ever had to spray for mosquitoes on our property after 8 years without issue. The ecosystem has become unbalanced with one project in the area already.

Further, forested lands act as a natural purifier for drinking water. Many in this area, including our family, rely on wells for our drinking supply. We have concerns about our and the health of our children with the possible increase in pollutants reaching our drinking water. We believe an environmental impact study is necessary for any consideration of this project, in large part because of potential health risks to our and our neighbor's children.

Lastly, we purchased our home in this town 10 years ago and have lived here since. We married here. We birthed our children here. We enjoy the rural nature of this area, and have been appalled at the marring of its natural beauty as it is replaced with clear cutting of its forests, ditches of

ditches of stagnant water labeled as "drainage," unmaintained chain link fencing, half dead "border" foliage, and the endless array of industrial solar arrays popping up seemingly everywhere. We support clean energy wholeheartedly, but Wareham has become a dumping ground for out of state corporations taking advantage of poorly thought out state law and a lack of appropriate zoning for these projects by our town's leadership.

We would love to continue to reside and raise our family in Wareham. Please consider our concerns in your decision regarding this proposed plan, the concerns of our neighbors, and the best interests of our town.

Sincerely,
Ryan and Jill Fitzgerald
110 Fearing Hill Road
West Wareham, MA
