

RE #21-22 Wareham, MA 3, LLC 91 & 101 Fearing Hill Road from McHale 11-22-22

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Dear Planning Board Members,

After hearing approximately 18 months of discussion regarding the large scale solar project, I appreciate its complexity. As was evident from the beginning, water is still an issue. At approximately 2 hours into the 11/2/22 Conservation Commission meeting, Mr. Tabaczynski confirmed that the Volume of water entering the Weweantic Watershed and Sippican Watershed would change because of this project. It is by design that the diversion pipe transports water from the Sippican watershed to the Weweantic. Undoubtedly, this will have a profound effect on both areas. One will get significantly less (drought) and the other significantly more (flooding/saturation) water. It is my understanding that utilizing this method was the only possibility for mitigating the effects of clearing 18 acres of forest. This effort has failed in my opinion.

Section 591 of the 2018 Zoning Bylaw states: The purpose of this by-law is to encourage the use of solar energy generation facilities and provide for the construction and operation of ground-mounted solar energy facilities and to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of large ground-mounted solar energy facilities that address public safety, **minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the Town** and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning. The provisions set forth in this section shall take precedence over all other sections when considering applications related to the construction, operation, and/or repair of large ground-mounted solar energy facilities.

It is impossible for this project to not adversely impact the natural resources when it deprives the Sippican of water and increases water to the Weweantic Watershed. For this and so many other reasons, please vote to deny this project.

Please include this e-mail as part of the public comments.

Kind Regards,

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