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To: Michael King, Chairman, Planning Board, Town of Wareham

CC: Historical Commission

Subject: Proposed Fearing Hill Solar Project, Mr Joe Shanahan's response letter to information I submitted to the board on 6-13-2022 , Cultural, Historical and Archaeological resources (included visual resources)

Date: July 6, 2022

I have presented specific information, to the Planning Board and the Historic Commission Concerning Cultural, Historical and Archaeological resources. All the information I provided and from others presents a strong case for further investigation into these resources to corroborate specific evidence and potential evidence. Information I have gathered from USGS mapping, from historical accounts of residences, town articles, wampanoag tribal information, on site observations, an email on building permit problems with an ancient trail on its property as stated from a mortgage company, the existing cart path on Fearing Hill, and information from the "Historic And Archaeological Resources Of Southeastern Massachusetts, A Framework For Preservation Decisions, From The Massachusetts Historical Commission", which contains specific information concerning Ancient Trails including mapping of "Contact Period Native Trails". And from the web site "www.gov Massachusetts Heritage Landscape Inventory" I quote "Ancient Indian Route- The ancient indian route through the Weweantic Watershed is listed as a significant cultural resource, which has not been well documented and is THREATENED BY DEVELOPMENT" end quote. My question is why has there not been a request for looking into all the possibilities for cultural, historical and archaeological evidence ? Why has there been no consultation with the neighboring Wapanoag Tribes ? There are considerations for all this in the town by-laws. Mr shanahan states evidence from The Cultural Resources Geographic Systems (CRGIS), from the Massachuaetts Cultural Resources Information System (MACRIS), and from the Town Of Wareham Listed Historic Places and Cultural Areas of Significance. Mr shanahan presents information from the Wareham Historical Commission on the Public Archaeological Laboratory, mapping system that does not have Fearing Hill registered as significant, but the Historic Commission has sent a letter to the Planning Board to Protect and Save Fearing Hill for its cultural and environmental resources, to Protect It From Development. Here again Mr shanahan states information from yes, key informational sites that will have information to benefit his proposed project. But upon further investigation these same sites will present information contrary to what he presents, clearly stating there are areas that show specific and potential cultural, historic and archaeological resources that should be further researched and protected. Worth reading is the recent document submitted, and posted, to the town of Wareham by Melissa Ferretti, chairwomen of the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe of Plymouth Massachusetts. It states clearly what is at stake here. Something we should all think about.