

Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen of Durham. While on the DEC (Durham Energy Committee) we put together a proposal for a solar ordinance. While we deliberated over how to word the various ideas of the ordinance we tried to be mindful of the view points of individuals when it came to the look of solar arrays. When we finally passed the ordinance onto the Planning Board, I was one of the few who thought that any restrictions for residential solar were too many.

The Planning Board has again been very mindful of the aesthetics of Solar Arrays and restricted them even more during their months of deliberations. So even while we have been mindful of the view points of individuals when it comes to the aesthetics of solar. Those individuals continue to come back and say that it isn't good enough. During the initial presentation of the solar ordinance a resident came up and asked you to compromise but the only compromise I see is that by those who feel residential solar should not be restricted at all.

During the past two weeks between the Planning Board meetings I thought about what I could do to show that the residents of Durham have more view points than those who come to the meeting. However, since I work and travel I was only able to get twenty some signatures within two hours of going door to door and talking to individual people. I will attach that letter to this one, and if the public comments continue I will continue to get more signatures. However, some residents had some very interesting things to say about this and I quote one person: **"We destroy our future for the sake of money or aesthetics"** and **"If more people would put solar in, maybe we would not have new electric lines going in across the back of the town and through the bay"**.

Recently while traveling overseas, I was in the Netherlands and what was really wonderful to see were all the windmills and I am not talking about the 50ft one from the 1600's that many people find aesthetically pleasing but the ones on a two hundred foot tow that with the blades make it over three hundred feet tall and these people don't seem to have any problem having these within about 100 feet if not closer from the roadway. And not just one but banks of windmills. The reason why is simple, so that people can use renewable energy and fight climate change. Here are some articles about whole countries running everything from renewable sources: ["Denmark just ran their entire country on 100% wind energy"](#), ["3 Countries Running on renewable energy"](#) there are many more articles about what can be done with renewable energy.

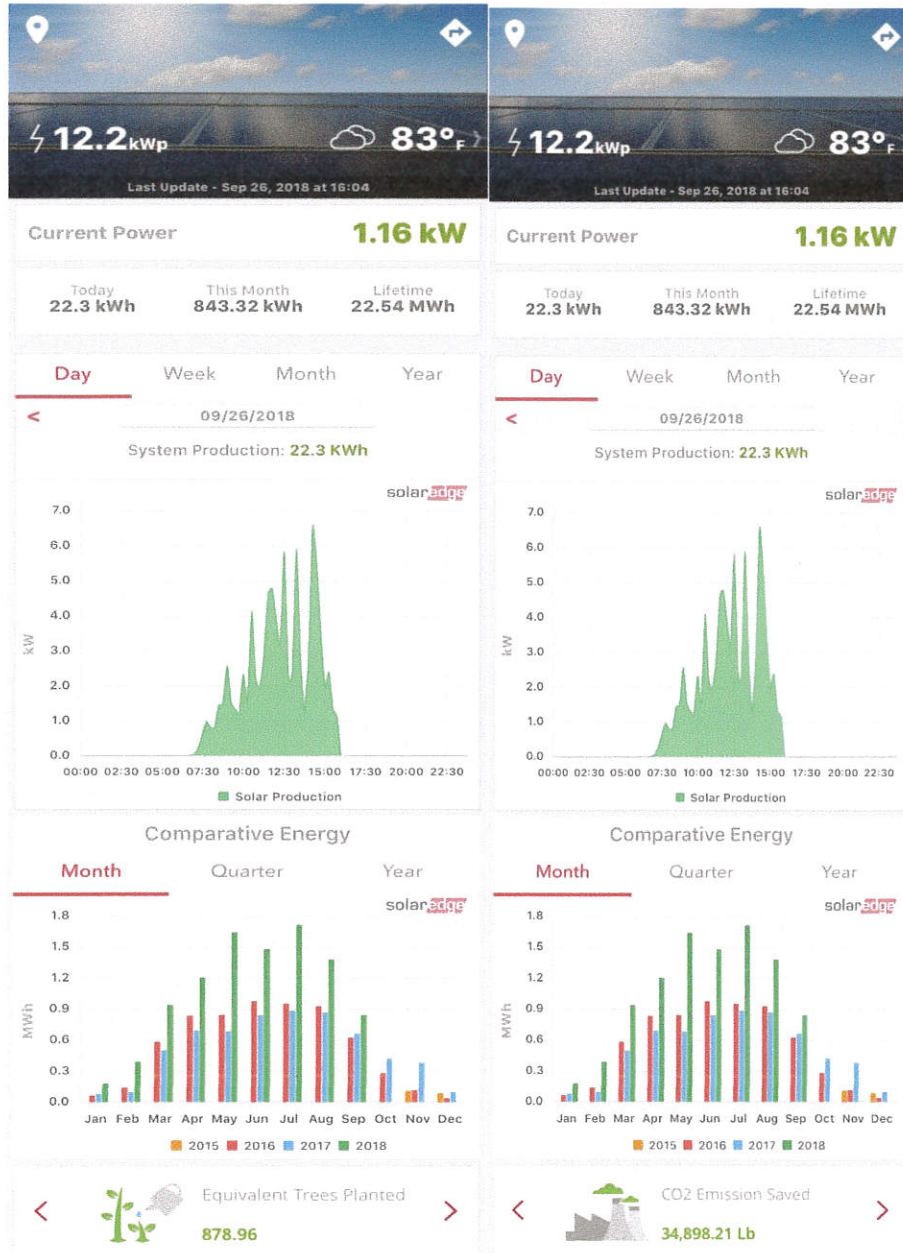
The reason this is worth fighting for is that climate change is real and fossil fuels are what is causing this climate change. The more we can use solar and renewable energy and the quicker we can put it in place the better our chances of mitigating the issues caused by climate change. Many people say they are concerned with climate change, but I don't think people can fully perceive this. For instance, the video of the weather person where they graphically showed the storm surge for Hurricane Florence went viral because it is one thing to think about it and another to visually see it.

Many Scientists have been studying climate change for many years but many items that are happening now were not thought of by the scientist 10 years ago. Here are some headlines:

["Antarctic ice melting faster than ever, studies show"](#), ["Climate change is destroying our national parks at an alarming rate, study says"](#), ["Global inaction risks runaway climate change"](#)

I could go on and on and it would behoove everyone to understand the cost if we fail in our duty to promote renewable energy every way we can.

Last time I spoke I said solar was expensive and I wish to clarify this. The upfront costs can be high, and it will be about a decade before I recoup my costs however I am making my own electricity and not having to burn fossil fuels. This is why I put my money in this investment. The two pictures I show below is data from my solar array.



Handwritten signature in blue ink.

Letter to the Planning Board

Members of the Planning Board,

We residents of Durham wish to state that we feel that the Solar Ordinance when concerning residential solar should not be restricted for aesthetic reasons, solar should be placed where it utilizes the sun the best.

Signature

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