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**Subject:** Fwd: Solar Ordinance Hearing at PB  
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Hi Karen,  
Please see email below.  
Thank you  
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From: Firoze Katrak <fekatrak@aol.com>  
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Sent: Mon, Sep 10, 2018 7:05 am  
Subject: Solar Ordinance Hearing at PB

Dear Members of the Planning Board, and Michael,

I thank the Planning Board Members and Michael for your enormous effort, and for the progress you all have made in making the proposed solar ordinance more reasonable and more balanced for Durham community's collective interests.

I have a few additional suggestions for Planning Board to consider:

1) Page 1 where we define Roof System & Free standing System: As currently defined, a pole mounted tracker on top of a roof is implied to be a roof system. Is that what we want to allow? Or do we want to not allow any pole mounted trackers on a roof? I suggest no trackers on any roof.

2) Page 2 Enterprise System: The definition is fine. I would suggest adding "An enterprise system is considered in general as any other Commercial Use for purposes of all town regulations". I am also assuming that land on which an Enterprise System may be built would be subject to full property tax rate and not expected to be subsidized by the Council with lower property taxes?

3) Page 3 Table of Uses: Enterprise System on a Roof should not be "P" in R, RC and ORLI zones. They should be by CU in these three zones.

4) Page 6 , #6d: To the list of roads, please also add Piscataqua Road. It would be a shame to not preserve that scenic vista, particularly given the town's foresight, wisdom and large investment in our Wagon Hill Farm for precisely that reason many decades ago.

5) Missing (add on page 6 or elsewhere):

a) Enterprise system proposed for Vacant Land, or on a Farm, or a large open field should be approved by the Durham Agricultural Commission.

b) Enterprise System on land in any Conservation, must require a Public Hearing.

c) Any existing system that is being updated, must conform to the then current standards; i.e. should not be grandfathered in past standards.

The Planning Board and you have made commendable progress. Hopefully the final ordinance will preserve the balance you all have achieved in your draft with so much care.

Thank you

regards

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