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To the Planning Board,
Please see the email from John Carroll below.

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From: Carroll, John []
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Subject: a solar zoning consideration

To: Town Planner Michael Behrendt and the Planning Board

Might an answer to the solar zoning challenge reside in an idea which I understand the Canney Farms Association is considering: a neighborhood solar park? While allowing residents who so desire to have solar roof-top arrays, this concept offers the additional option of stand-alone solar trackers in a small designated neighborhood "park" on common land which the neighborhood either already owns or could acquire for this purpose. This may be especially desirable for neighborhoods and residences in historic districts and/or along designated scenic roads, but it could apply to all neighborhoods. (In addition to Canney Farms' common land, the "tot lot" in the Faculty Development also comes to mind, as does other land associated with conservation subdivisions.)

Such "solar parks" are much smaller than "solar farms", and yet should

provide sufficient electrical capacity for the neighborhood. And, given their relatively small size, they never run afoul of net-metering issues, as some larger solar farms might. And they could fit nicely into many neighborhoods if a little bit of appropriate land could be identified.

Something to consider.

John Carroll

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