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Would you please direct this to the planning board.

Peter Stanhope

Dear members of the Planning Board,

I am in my last few days of my two terms on the HDC/HC but can not miss the opportunity to opine on the proposed solar ordinance as a HC member. Solar arrays on roofs for the purpose of providing domestic use power are a reasonable exercise of private property rights and I support that right. Solar arrays populating portions of any site not affixed to the principal structure should conform to the use zone regulations. An array that has the capacity to generate marketable power is an industrial use and should be tested by an approval process that balances preservation of uses permitted in the zone. By example a large visible array has the potential of diminishing property values. I sight the failure of Northern Pass to gain approval for this very reason. If the PB finds some level of solar use outside commercial and industrial zones appropriate there as a minimum should be strict vegetation barrier screening protecting the environment nearby from visual pollution from a non-conforming structure. This is a challenging issue, but just as wind farms, dams and even off shore drilling are often part of this discussion I encourage the PB to listen carefully to all voices on this issue and not simply narrow the discussion to the CC agenda.

Thank you for considering these thoughts,

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