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Subject: Letter to the Planning Board

Dear Michael,

I am unable to attend the meeting Wednesday night, but would appreciate it if my letter was read into the minutes. Thank you. Sally

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

What follows is a Cautionary Tale.

I inherited a small field on Durham Point Road from my father many years ago. So you can picture the field, it is about a quarter of a mile down Durham Point Road. You can see the field on your left as you round the big curve. There is a driveway going down the middle of the field to two houses on the Oyster River. The field is about 14 acres, narrow, long, and flat.

About a month ago I received a very fancy brochure from a solar energy company located in Florida. They wrote that my field was just what they needed for a solar energy farm. And to please call them. The brochure was illustrated with huge solar panels going down either side of a field that was not my field but looked like it.

I do believe solar energy is important. I kept the brochure for a week or so but finally tossed it in the wastebasket.

I'm sorry I don't have the brochure to show you because a picture is worth a thousand words.

I am not interested in selling the field at this point. But the main reason I tossed the brochure away was because a solar farm would be a shattering change to the neighborhood.

Not only the neighborhood would be changed, but also the appearance of Durham Point Road. Years ago a friend and I trudged up and down Durham Point Road, getting signatures to make the road a designated Scenic Road.

I'm sentimental about the field because it was my father's, but I don't know how the next owner of the field will feel. If a large solar farm is allowed in the field -- and would be by the proposed solar ordinance -- the homes and Scenic Durham Point Road will be changed drastically forever and not for the better.

Thank you for your time,

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