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Subject: Solar Ordinance - email from Peter Wolfe
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To the Planning Board,
Please see the email below from Peter Wolfe.

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From: Peter Wolfe []
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Michael,

I have been away all summer and see that the Solar Ordinance hearing has been closed. I forget if the board will still accept comments. If so I would like to offer the following thoughts:

Ten years ago, when I first saw a wind turbine on a local mountain I was appalled. Over the next ten years I have come to a different point of view. We are in the process of truly harming our planet with fossil fuels. Everything I read says that we can generate 80% of our countries electricity needs with alternative energy at this point in time. As with any change, the first step is always the hardest. This is especially true when it changes peoples' view of what is acceptable pushing their comfort levels.

Now, when I look at wind turbines or solar panels it makes me hopeful for our

future. I see them as a positive step. They are a message to us that we have a way to transition away from fossil fuels. Equally as important they remind us that we must be energy conscious in our daily lives.

Unlike most citizens in Durham, I believe the more we see solar panels, the more it will encourage us to think about energy usage and how we can move forward toward reduction of fossil fuels. I support placing solar panels wherever individuals desire to install them. I know this is an anathema to many in Durham. My feeling is that these individuals value how things look over societal needs. But maybe like myself they will eventually come to have a positive view of them over time as I have. They are our future!

As a disclaimer, I have solar panels on my house.

Peter Wolfe