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Town Planner's Review
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- XIII. **Solar Energy Systems**. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate solar energy systems as both accessory uses and principal uses. Draft ordinance endorsed by the Durham Energy Committee. **Recommended action:** Determination of next steps for draft

As the board discussed on April 25, I inserted comments from the public into the draft document. I included only specific comments about specific sections.

- I recommend that the board discuss the draft and decide how best to proceed.

Please note the following:

- I recommend that board members review the enclosed document as well as the specific comments and more general comments from the public.
- Does the board want to include the solar ordinance on the May 23 workshop agenda?
- The Planning Board could make the revisions or it may find that designating a special committee would be a better approach.
- Revising the draft will require intensive discussion, debate, research, and analysis. If a small committee is appointed, key positions should be represented.
- Such a committee would be a public body and thus the meetings would be open to the public.
- I wish to emphasize that the draft ordinance provides a solid framework. It would be counterproductive to begin the process again. We should work from the draft and make additions and deletions as appropriate.