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<u>Town Planner's Review</u> Wednesday, August 10, 2022

- XII. **Public Hearing** Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. Proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance initiated by Durham Town Council. The draft addresses numerous aspects of solar energy systems including rules and allowed locations for systems that are accessory to single family houses, systems accessory to multifamily and nonresidential uses, small and large utility-scale systems, and group net metering host systems.
- I recommend that the Planning Board hold the public hearing and discuss the draft as time allows.
 - The proposed Solar Energy Systems ordinance was formally initiated by the Durham Town Council on May 9, 2022. It comes to the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and then prepare comments on the draft.
 - Councilor Jim Lawson, who prepared the draft, will attend the meeting to present the proposed ordinance.
 - The Planning Board started its discussion about the draft at the July 13 meeting.
 - The Town Council approved an extension to August 29 for the board to submit comments. The board could request another extension if more time is needed to evaluate the proposal.