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Town Planner's Project Review
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

- X. **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 board hold the public hearing and continue the review to October 12.

Councilor Jim Lawson prepared the revised ordinance with input from the Energy Committee, the Planning staff, and others. He will give a presentation to the board explaining the proposed ordinance.

Assuming the board is satisfied that interested parties have had a reasonable chance to provide comments I recommend that the board close the public hearing at the meeting. If there is time the board could begin its discussions but it might find it easiest to begin discussions at a following meeting.

As we have done with other significant amendments I can prepare a document incorporating all of the comments inserted into the relevant sections to facilitate the discussion. I will have some minor suggestions as well.

If the board wishes to make any significant changes to the draft after reviewing the public comments we will need to schedule a new public hearing on the revised document. Once the board finishes its review the draft will be sent back to the Town Council for consideration.