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<u>Town Planner's Project Review</u> Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- VIII. <u>Freestanding Solar Array for St. George's Church</u>. Site plan application for a freestanding solar array as an accessory use to provide electricity for St. George's Church. The 16.8-kilowatt array would be located in the side lawn of the rectory. 1 Park Court. Nathan Bourne, Rector, and Scott Righini, Facility Manager, St. George's Church. Map 108, Lot 31.
- I recommend that the board accept the application as complete, set a public hearing date, and decide whether or not to conduct a site walk.

Please note the following:

- We received the attached application for a freestanding solar array to be located on the St. George's Church property located on Park Court. The array is a permitted accessory use serving the church and the rectory. A site plan is required for this project. Site plan review is required for accessory uses and accessory structures when they are accessory to a commercial or multi-residential use.
- The solar ordinance adopted in 2023 is enclosed.
- The lot is in the Durham Historic District so the proposal will be presented to the Historic District Commission at their next meeting on March 7. When a project needs to be reviewed by both the Planning Board and the HDC our procedure is to ensure that it is presented at least once to both the board and the HDC before either body makes a final decision. The applicant presented a preliminary application to the HDC in 2022.
- The application has been shared with the Technical Review Group so if any Town staff members have comments, they can share them. The application won't be presented at a meeting at the TRG.