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**Town Planner's Project Review**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

IX. **Public Hearing - Freestanding Solar Array for St. George's Church**. 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. Church Hill District.

➤ I recommend approval as shown below.

Please note the following:

- The board accepted the application as complete on February 13 and declined to hold a site walk. Any member of the board can go to the site and see markers where the proposed array would be built.
- The application and the solar ordinance were included in the February 13 packet and are shown on the Planning Board website under Current Information and Applications.
- The project was also subject to review by the Historic District Commission. The commission approved the application as submitted on March 7.
- The HDC discussed possibly adding some landscaping to the front of the array but did not think that appropriate to require. The applicant may add some landscaping on the right side of the array to visually buffer it some from neighbors and to block people from inadvertently walking into the array on the side.

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>St. George's Solar Array</b>
<b>Action Taken:</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>
<b>Project Description:</b>	Installation of freestanding solar array as an accessory use to St. George's Church to serve both the church and the rectory on the lot.
<b>Address:</b>	1 Park Court
<b>Property Owner:</b>	St. George's Church
<b>Applicant:</b>	Scott Righini, Facility Manager, and Nathan Bourne, Rector, St. George's Church
<b>Map and Lot:</b>	Map 108, Lot 31
<b>Zoning:</b>	Church Hill District
<b>Date of approval:</b>	<b>March 13, 2024</b>

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The application is approved as submitted. Prior to beginning operation the applicant must submit an electronic as-built drawing showing where the underground electric runs.

Findings of fact. As part of this review and approval the Durham Planning Board finds the following: **A)** The applicant submitted an application, supporting documents, and plans for the project; **B)** The Planning Board accepted the application as complete on February 28, 2024; **C)** The Planning Board held a public hearing on the application on March 13, 2024; **D)** The Planning Board reviewed the application in accordance with the Durham Zoning Ordinance and the Durham Site Plan Regulations and found that the application meets all requirements; **E)** The application was also subject to review by the Durham Historic District Commission which reviewed and approved the project on March 7, 2024. This approval was consistent with the Planning Board approval; **F)** This project is not considered to be a Development of Regional Impact; and **G)** The Planning Board duly approved the application as stated herein. Substantial records are maintained of the process and documentation submitted in the Planning Department. A record of documentation and a timeline of the project will be prepared as needed.