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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:55 AM

To: Cooke Thomas

Subject: RE: Request for Board and Commission Evaluation of Deepwater Wind Petition - Solar Project in Simsbury

Hi Tom, the following are concerns that I have with the solar farm proposed for north Simsbury:

1. The Town of Simsbury should have approval authority over the installation in town of commercial projects of this magnitude (I know it currently does not). I do not agree that the siting council should have the total authority attributed to them in this matter or that a cell phone tower is in any way comparable to the issues presented by the installation of a high intensity solar farm of this magnitude and community impact.
2. Research information should be acquired and presented beforehand as to the possible existence of any higher intensity electrical radiation field emanating from a concentrated solar farm of this size and its impact on humans, animals, communications, electrical devices and the property values of residents. Electrical radiation disturbances of this type would not, I believe, be allowed under Federal Communication Commission regulations.
3. Most Simsbury taxpayers have been willing to pay or are paying a higher property tax rate in return for the political maintenance of certain shared community standards including good schools, strong zoning and a healthy physical environment in which to raise families. The unaddressed erosion of these standards, including property values, which this project may affect, could very well have a negative impact on the character and governance of Simsbury. If the sense of this community is that this solar farm is incompatible with shared town values then the BOS should require, in any way that it can, that Deepwater Wind find a more compatible and commercial location in the tri-state area, many of which I am sure are available to them.

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