From: michelle

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments

**Subject:** Project # 2024-0046

**Date:** Friday, March 1, 2024 7:05:16 PM

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I own a home where this project is going to be right next to me on Pearl Street. How is this project going to affect my property value? I won't be able to watch deer anymore in the field. This project is going to ruin property values and our ability to enjoy why we bought our home here. All the construction that will be required will ruin our quiet days that we know now.

Michele Borton (Hilbert) 56 Pearl St.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From: nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com
To: Lynch, Ariel D (APA)

**Subject:** RE: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:28:25 PM

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Thank You! Stay Safe. Margaret

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From: "Lynch, Ariel D (APA)"
To: "nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com"

Cc:

Sent: Tuesday April 16 2024 2:19:55PM

Subject: RE: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

Yes, that is fine to share the notice you received, either the information it contains or the whole notice, in any way you'd like.

Regards,

Ariel

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From: nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com <nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:05 PM

To: Lynch, Ariel D (APA) < Ariel. Lynch@apa.ny.gov>

Subject: RE: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

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Thank you for the kind wishes, and for answering so promptly. I definitely will not publish your email. I am going to publish the letter we were sent. It does contain your name, but only at the email address that you just gave. (RPcomments@apa.ny.gov.) I hope that is okay, because I really want to attach the letter to my letter.

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From: "Lynch, Ariel D (APA)"
To: "nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com"

Cc:

Sent: Tuesday April 16 2024 1:38:35PM

Subject: RE: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

Hi Margaret,

I'm sorry to hear about your family's medical issues. I wish you and those involved the best.

This permit application is not yet complete, so it is not yet on the agenda of any monthly Agency meeting. You will receive a notice in the mail when the application is complete. That notice will provide a deadline for public comment that will end before the relevant monthly Agency meeting, so that the Agency's board members can receive all public comment before for their discussion and decision on this project.

Please do not publish my email address. Please direct people who wish to comment to use RPcomments@apa.ny.gov.

Thanks,

Ariel

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**From:** nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com <nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:30 PM

**To:** Lynch, Ariel D (APA) < Ariel. Lynch@apa.ny.gov>

Subject: RE: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

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Thank you so much. We have been having some medical issues in our family, and I have not been able to get on this as much as I would like to have. I have drafted a letter to the editor for the Times of Ti (SUN), and want to make sure that I can use your email for others to use. I hope I am not too late. I checked the monthly meeting site you gave me, and could not find anything about this particular issue.

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From: "Lynch, Ariel D (APA)"
To: "nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com"

Cc:

Sent: Friday March 29 2024 1:06:14PM

Subject: APA Permit Review and Public Comment Process

Hi Margaret,

I am following up on our March 15, 2024 phone conversation in which you asked me to summarize the Agency's permit review process.

When a permit application is received by the Agency, we send notice via regular mail to all landowners who adjoin the property where the project is proposed. We send

this notice at three times during the review process:

- 1. When the application is first received (this is the notice you already received)
- When the application is complete and a formal comment period begins (comments are specifically requested, the public notice is also posted to the <u>Agency website</u>, and a deadline for comments is given)
- 3. When a determination has been made (i.e., a permit has been issued)

We welcome public comment at any time in the review process via any method of communication. All comments are saved with the project file and considered by Agency staff during review of the project. Written comments are shared with the Agency Board if/when the project goes before the Board for their consideration. Not all projects go before the Board, however almost all solar generation facility projects do. This Agency webpage has more information about public comments (link here). And more information about upcoming projects that will be before the Board (link here).

The Agency Board meets monthly, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and Friday of each month (here is a link to the meeting schedule). The public is allowed to speak to the Board during public comment periods at the beginning and end of their meetings, but not on matters that are before them for action at a given meeting. The more detailed instructions and guidelines for public comment are printed on the meeting agenda (here is a link to the most recent March agenda, as an example). You can attend a Board Meeting in person at our office in Ray Brook, NY or remotely, via computer of phone. The directions for connecting remotely are at the top of the meeting agenda (see the March agenda as an example).

All permit applications submitted to the Agency are public records. If you are interested in seeing the permit application for APA Project Number 2024-0046 (Vineyard Solar), I recommend submitting a FOIL request via the FOIL Records Access Center at <a href="mailto:this.weblink">this weblink</a>.

Re	gar	ds,

Ariel

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From: <u>Harry Treadway</u>

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Solar Panels in ESSEX COUNTY
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:19:16 PM

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As I read about a proposal to place Solar panels on the Vineyard Road I am reminded about how every time I travel Street Road I see hundreds of panels that are not a Scenic entrance to our town of Ticonderoga. The trees and bushes being planted to shield the public view are never going to block them completely because of the distance between each plant. There are lots of back roads in this area that the public and land owners would not have look at these eye sores that ruin our beautiful country and town. Harry Treadway

From: nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments

**Subject:** Attn: Aeril Lynch "Solar Farm permit concerns for documentation"

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2024 12:56:43 PM

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We received your latest mailing, and though we have spoken, and I have sent you a copy of my letter to the editor, I am not sure if that is considered our written comment to APA. I am sorry if I am being redundant. We feel very strongly about this, and I don't want to be remiss about anything. Beyond what I have mentioned previously there is one more personal concern which has me in a panic. I have a hearing condition which is very rare. I discovered it when I was in high school on my senior class trip. When we went to the Smithsonian National Museum I was unable to go into the area where the Hope Diamond is kept. Once I stepped into the area I had an excruciatingly high pitched screaming noise in my ears. The minute I stepped back out it went away. The guard at the entry said that occasionally some people have this problem. I encountered this one other time when I started in to a high end store that had a lot of very expensive products. Also when people have hearing aids that screech when the batteries are low it is unbearable to me, and gives me a headache. They have said that solar panels do not make any noise, and probably they don't to the average person, but the rare person like me may be affected, and as we all know <u>rare</u> circumstance are usually not given any consideration by most people. If they actually do cause this problem I don't know what I will do, because we do not have the money to move to anyplace else.

As for my other concerns, if my uncondensed letter to the editor was not attributed as my written concerns I am adding the issues it covered.

"Solar panels release Toxic heavy metals into the soil which are hazardous to humans. Prolonged exposure to specific heavy metals has been correlated with the onset of various cancers, including those affecting the skin, lungs, and kidneys. The gradual buildup of these metals within the body can lead to persistent toxic effects.

When these panels become worn out, and are removed there many reconstructive repercussions. The land has to be cleaned, and rest for a period of time before it is safe for animals, or crops, and the cost and disposal of the panels is a consideration.

Also they raise the surrounding atmospheric temperature.

Crown Point's town water supply begins at the Fish Hatchery. Every one of the parcels of land involved are located directly above the location of the Fish Hatchery,

and Creek, which runs past and feeds into the Fish Hatchery. These wells receive water which flows from water tables under the earth where these solar farms will be placed, and also naturally underground water from the Creek. Not to mention any surface run off from these lands above. Thus the concerns regarding heavy metal contamination of our water supply are real.

The wetlands situation is also a consideration. There are many wetlands rules and regulations to protect these areas. These parcels of land are very near, and drain into Putt's Creek which is a wetland. Since the rules regarding wetlands will be changing in January 2025 this land marked to become a solar farm, could be considered wetlands too. (Amendment to Article 24 of the Freshwater Wetlands Act of 1975.)

In the past corn was grown in some of these fields, and hay was harvested from them. Many wild animals feed in these fields now. Especially deer, and turkeys.

Pearl Street is one of the most populated streets in Crown Point, and these panels in this residential area will undoubtedly lower the real estate value of properties.

Finally the aesthetic impact of them is troublesome. Especially to those of us who will have to look at them all the time if we sit on our porches or try to do any outside activities. "

Thank you for taking your time to consider these issues, and for the opportunity to make them known.

Margaret Boyle

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com

Subject: APA Project 2024-0046 Public Comments

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Attn: Ariel Lynch

Comments from: Michael k Goggins Email from: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com

Address: 764 Vineyard rd . Crown point Ny 12928 Re: Agency Project 2024-0046, Vineyard Solar

My Comments:

I do not feel I should have this project forced on me . I really disagree with cutting of the trees on the railroad bed which help block the wind .the land owner doesn't live near here and doesn't have to look at it it seems that they gain financially while the one who have to live with it face having our property value drop . I believe this is the Adirondack park not the Adirondack solar park.

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com

Subject: APA Project 2024-0046 Public Comments

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Attn: Ariel Lynch

Comments from: Michael K Goggins Email from: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com Address: 764 vineyard rd Crown point Ny 12928 Re: Agency Project 2024-0046, Vineyard Solar

My Comments:

I don't think I should have to live with solar panels on two sides of my house I really don't want to sit on my deck and look at solar panels or a fence . The hedgerows they talk about is a grove of locust trees that Divide the field and work has a wind block . The people who own the land do not live near here and do not have to look at it . I also worry about the value of are property going down. Ex

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com

Subject: APA Project 2024-0046 Public Comments

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Attn: Ariel Lynch

Comments from: Margaret Boyle

Email from: nonstopmom@nycap.rr.com

Address: 33 Pearl Street Crown Point NY 12928 Re: Agency Project 2024-0046, Vineyard Solar

My Comments:

"Project 2024-0046, Vineyard Solar, Ariel Lynch"

The pictures included here do not show across the road from our house, and the pictures themselves of Pearl Street are very distorted. They must have been laying on the ground to make the ditches look that high, and the fall brush shown does not exit. Also in twelve years the panels would still be visible at which age my husband would be 94, and I would be 88 years old, if we lived that long!

To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com

**Subject:** APA Project 2024-0046 Public Comments **Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:31:09 PM

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Attn: Ariel Lynch

Comments from: Michael Goggins Email from: michaeldoggins@yahoo.com

Address: 764 Vineyard rd Crown point Ny 12928 Re: Agency Project 2024-0046, Vineyard Solar

#### My Comments:

I've been reading up on these solar farms and see that experts recommend a safe distance a solar farm should be 200 meters to 1 kilometer away from a house due to health issues from electromagnetic radiation I already have issues with cancer . Also my water comes from a spring right next to this field .