

Hello,

I am a resident of Lowell, Vt. And I am writing regarding the proposed solar farm in my town. Case # 25-2346-PET. I am currently on the Lowell Zoning Board but I am writing to you as a private citizen. I have lived in and around Lowell most of my life and both of my parents were raised in this town.

The proposed solar farm goes against what the people of our town want. Lowell is a picturesque town that would like to stay that way. The wind towers came in and many townspeople did not want them but they were put up anyway. This time please take in to consideration how the people of the town feel. Lowell is doing more than their share to help meet this State's unrealistic green energy goals. This project has no direct benefit for the town besides a few tax dollars. The wind towers provide more energy than this town will every use and if people are honest they will have to admit that most of the energy will end up being sold off to other areas. Lowell ends up losing a piece of agricultural land and staring at a bunch of panels while the benefits go to other places.

We have already had one of our small businesses decide to leave town because of the proposed project. I would hate to see anymore people leave town because of it.

Route 58 is a scenic highway where you can look over and see the beautiful mountains of Vermont- this project will ruin that view. Any screenings planted around the project will only grow up to block this incredible view. This project will be seen no matter which direction you come into town. We will become known as that town with "the wind towers and the big field of solar panels". A title we do not want.

Sledding in Vermont is a tradition. Well, this is the hill our local kids do their sledding. At a time when we are trying to get kids to put down their screens, please don't take away a place where they can have some winter fun, exercise and interact with other kids. Sledding down a local hill is where many have developed life long friendships. On one hand I hear the State is worried about Urban Sprawl because it will change the landscape of Vermont but a field of ugly solar panels will somehow fit in with the aesthetics of Vermont.

I ask that you truly think of the people of our town and deny the permit. Lowell does not need or want this project.

Sincerely,

Brenda Wesolow