

Town of Lowell Zoning Board  
2170 VT RTE 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Vermont Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Clerk of the Commission  
112 State Street, 4th Floor  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Dear Clerk of the Commission,  
Compiled here are comments from townspeople in Lowell, that have been submitted by email to the Town of Lowell Zoning Board regarding the **Petition of Northland Solar LLC Case Number: 25-2346-PET**

### **Comment 1 – Jason Tyburski**

Good Morning,

My name is Jason Tyburski- I own property @ 25 Tamarack Rd, Jay, VT  
I grew up in Derby, VT went to Derby Elementary and North Country.

I don't live in Lowell but I am a neighbor and travel through the area often.

I am reaching out to express my opinion on the 30 acre Solar Field by Northland potentially going up off Rte 100.

Please do not permit zoning for this. This is agricultural land. Putting a bunch of metal, plastic and glass on top of viable farmland is the opposite of good for the environment.  
I am asking you to consider the full impact this will have on the land and surrounding community.

Solar Panels on raw land changes the Vermont natural landscape forever. Forever. This land will never be able to be used for agriculture again.  
It kills all plant, animal and pollinators that currently live there. Everything dies.

The lifespan on these solar panels is 20-30 years. What are the guarantees that Northland or what ever company owns them at that point will be able to dispose of these and clean up the toxic mess left behind?

The toxic compounds left behind from these panels is forever. What will that do to the water long term?

Even if they remove the solar panels, what about the infrastructure used to support the panels? Concrete and galvanized metal. Would that also be removed? They leach zinc into the ground over time, which is there forever.

What if Northland is out of business? This is changing the landscape forever.

Also reading through The Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets plus the town of Lowell's own website, re-zoning agricultural land for this use appears to be against written policy. It is the goal of both to preserve and protect these lands.

I am not against solar energy. I am just dead against utilizing raw Vermont designated farmland for something temporary that will have negative forever effects.

Thank you

Jason Tyburski  
617 945-4959

## **Comment 2 – Tyson Palmer**

Hello,

I am writing in opposition to the solar project.

Solar in VT is a joke. Not enough sunlight in winter and only 4 months otherwise.

The batteries will leach into the soil, than into our ground water. Affecting fish and wildlife. The glass will retire at the already overfull dump never to decompose.

The area is already so close to the public school.

The list goes on. I say NO to permitting the solar project.

Tyson Palmer  
168 Ostiguy drive  
Lowell, VT 05847

## **Comment 3 – Ryan Chambers**

Good morning, all,

My name is Ryan Chambers and i live at 5687 rte 100 in Lowell. I wanted to reach out this morning to express my opposition to the proposed solar project in town. I have lived in Lowell for almost 25 years and have always appreciated the natural beauty the town has to offer. My fear

is we will lose the rural feel that the town offers if we slam up this 30 acre solar farm. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely  
Ryan Chambers

#### **Comment 4 – Magen Ostiguy**

Hello,

Writing in response to the solar project proposed across from the school on Raboins hayfields.

I am opposed to the project. This is not helpful for our town, the wildlife or agricultural by any means.

I am requesting the permit be denied.

Thank you,

Magen Ostiguy  
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Lowell, VT 05847  
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