

Email from Mary Rising

Dear Darren,

Comments and objections to Lowell Solar project:

- 1.) VT averages 58 clear days per year making Lowell an unsatisfactory location for a solar project. Lowell is not located in California or Arizona.
- 2.) VT NEK receives an average of 100 inches of snow per year making Lowell very unsuitable for a solar farm.
- 3.) Solar energy is undependable due to its intermittent nature, as energy is only produced during the day and is reduced by cloudy or snowy weather.
- 4.) The reclamation of land used as a solar farm involves a costly and time consuming decommissioning plan. Who should or will pay for this?

Lowell is a gem of beautiful meadows, rivers and mountains.....why destroy it??

- 5.) A field filled with solar panels is "unsightly"; just drive up Rt 100 from I89. Property values will be negatively impacted by this kind of project.
- 6.) Non resident property owners pay higher property taxes than residents. We should have our concerns heard by the Town and the State.
- 7.) The State of Vermont's "renewable energy" mandate based on "climate change" is very ill advised and in the long run will do irreparable harm to Vermont and its people.
- 8.) Total acreage used for solar projects is not tracked in Vermont.....curious.
- 9.) Addison, Bennington and Rutland counties are current targets for solar projects. One proposed solar farm is 300 acres in Panton.
- 10.) Per the Chronicle newspaper, Northland Solar is the contractor. They are headquartered at 30 Saint Clair Avenue West, Toronto Canada.
- 11.) Why not purchase more electricity from HYDRO Quebec?

Closing comment:

There is quite a lot of information to be found online regarding many aspects of "renewable energy" i.e. where is the money coming from to fund these unwelcome projects?

Thank you. Take care. I hope the upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting goes well. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

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