

February 1, 2016

To the Hinesburg Select Board:

As residents of Hinesburg we request that the Select Board does not support the proposed location and siting of a 1.8MW solar array on Magee Hill Road for the following main reasons:

- This directly impacts over 20 single-family houses within approximately 1000 ft of the proposed site. We oppose this siting based on the negative impact a commercial scale electrical generation facility will have on our property values.
- Smart responsible development needs to be taken into consideration. The solar array will comprise the greater part of 6 acres with extensive footage along the mid-point of our rural road. We do not believe that the proposed size and scale of the plan is suitable for the residential neighborhood on Magee Hill Road nor is it in keeping with Hinesburg's Town Plan and land use regulations.
- Our concerns regarding the proposed commercial solar installation do not reflect a lack of support for Hinesburg and Vermont's renewable energy goals. In fact, our neighborhood supports the responsible siting of solar panels; eight of the 20 single-family households have already invested in their own rooftop or ground mounted systems and more are planned. Rather, we advocate a proactive and intentional approach toward zoning and planning for commercial solar investments – similar to the Hinesburg' community solar initiative and Milton's innovative approach towards community solar – that accrue clearer benefits to the town.

This letter was written 24 hours prior to the Select Board meeting at a hastily arranged gathering of neighbors, after information on the project was posted on the Hinesburg.org website. It is signed by the following individuals who were able to participate. We have made every effort to inform the broader neighborhood about this project, and will continue to share information and solicit their respective views.

To date, no formal nor informal notice was given by the parties proposing this project to the neighbors adjacent to, and in the immediate vicinity of, the project.

Considering the size and siting of this proposal, we believe that the impact of this construction extends beyond land borders and respectfully request the Select Board not to support the proposed siting of the commercial solar array on Magee Hill Road.

Sincerely,

Brett and Zoe Johnson (715 Magee Hill Road)  
Steven and Susan Polli (686 Magee Hill Road)  
Sue and Josh Tappan (1098 Magee Hill Road)  
Martha and Durwin Ellerman (252 Blueberry Hill, adjacent to site)  
James Bruce (Blueberry Hill, adjacent to site)  
Emily Bruce and Dave Shirley (240 Blueberry Hill Road, adjacent to site)