

January 22, 2019

To the Town of Farmington Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Board Officials:

We appreciate the wisdom of the Town Board in establishing a moratorium in the past for Solar Collection Systems and Solar Farms and **are petitioning the Town Board to enact another moratorium** for Large scale Commercial/Industrial Solar Energy Development. As stated in the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan and supported in the Town's Farmland Protection initiative, The Northeast Quadrant of Farmington is designated as Open, Rural, and noncommercial/industrial. A Master Plan is not a suggestion, it should be carried out. Residents have a reasonable right to expect Zoning classes will conform with existing uses. The Town's Master plan protects our scenic and natural environment and rural/agricultural character that has largely been the impetus for the Town's past development.

As landowners we are not opposed to personal use sustainable energy development; however, we urge the Board to assure that every opportunity is given to addressing this monumental issue, that **if granted would not be in harmony with the area and thus would adversely affect the neighborhood** and forever change the Town of Farmington for the worse. We ask that all resources at your disposal be studied thoroughly to develop a comprehensive approach to this issue. To this end, we request you **to enact another moratorium, specifically, for Large scale Commercial/Industrial Solar Energy Development and that the moratorium be issued for the full 12-month period**, and we encourage the Town and the Planning Board to include the "New York State of Opportunity Solar Resource Guide" and the New York State Model Ordinance for Solar Energy, combined with the resources already acquired from nearby townships, in developing land use regulations which truly reflect those goals and the needs of the township as a whole.

In addition, recent developments regarding the SEQR process has left this group perplexed and stunned as we have just recently found out, (at the 1/16/19 Planning Board meeting) that the process timeline was extended beyond the original October 28 ,2018 deadline. A deadline that was given to us several times and is reflected in the public meeting minutes. The original timeline found us scrambling for letter submission and had we been informed of the SEQR timeline extension, we would have assuredly gathered more input from your neighbors opposing the Large-scale Commercial/Industrial Solar Power Plant. Enacting another 12-month moratorium

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would allow concerned citizens the opportunity to respond. Therefore, **please accept this first round of signatures in support of a moratorium**, other signature pages are in circulation and will be sent to you soon.

We have recently reviewed the opinion letter of Attorney Graff. We believe his ultimate opinion with regard to the meaning of "there is no feasible alternative" is incorrect. However, his letter points to a fatal flaw in the law. The law is absolutely devoid of any standard or elements to establish how or by what method the Planning Board determines that "there is no feasible alternative." With this glaring omission the law is unenforceable whichever side of the issue one is espousing. Finally, based upon our many Town Board meetings we believe, based upon what we were told by the Board, that no member of the Board, when adopting this amendment envisioned the situation we are now facing. Accordingly, the law needs to be fixed now. If not, we will be washed away by the developers who care nothing for any of us, but are driven solely by self-interest and their profit.

Thank you

Your neighbors;

Jim Foley, Ann Foley, Jim Falanga, Nancy Falanga, Al Baxter, Jennifer Baxter, Jim Redmond, Lisa Reed,
Caroline Heberle, Linda Heberle, Edith Chapman, Eric Chapman, Gordon Wilson, Stacy Vandeburgh, Arnold Vandeburgh, Jim Dennie, Dan Geer, Matt Barnes, Terry Biek, Marilyn Fair, Jon Fair, Tammy Johnson, Ed Johnson, Linda Zurich, Jim Zurich

Large solar arrays can consume acres of pristine land. We, as a community, have the opportunity to create thoughtful practices that protect our beautiful areas, while allowing for economic and sustainable growth. Once again, we request that you impose a firm 12-month moratorium on development of large solar arrays in our town as we sort out the details.

Sincerely,

Your Neighbors:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE #</u> <u>PREFER CELL # FOR</u> <u>TEXT MESSAGES</u>
JON MARILYN FAIR	984 STAFFORD RD	1-585-289-8320
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Sammy Johnson	126 Yellow Mills Rd	1-385-233-5454
Ed Johnson	" " " "	585-273-5846
Ed Lenny	320 Yellow Mills	315-597-2725
Jane Zinn	315 Sheldon	585-370-6669
MARKI MALTMAN	179 County Rd 28	315-503-4291 (H)
MARKI MALTMAN	187 County Rd 28	585-199-7648 (H)
Shanon Maltman	179 County Rd 28	315-502-4091 (H)
John Orbaker	4966 Fox Rd	585 750 5837 (H)
Terry Sunderlin	4697 Fox Rd	315-597-1259
Chad	5076 Maxwell Rd	585-703-4342
Elvina Boashe	5059 Maxwell Rd	315-986-7513
John Boashe	" " "	" " "
Jim Demco	595 Yellow Mills Rd Palmyra	315-597-4646
Terry Beck	P.O. Box 355 Palmyra	315 597-0007
Kimi Clement	330 Ellsworth Rd Pal.	315 597-4987
Risa Reed	4465 Fox Rd Palmyra	585-305-6014
Chris Progne	4465 Fox Rd Palmyra	585 303 0527
RICHARD VANDERWALL	556 STAFFORD PALMYRA	585 289 2012
Erin Brandt	117 Hook Rd	585-464-8774 (H)
DANIEL GERR	568 Yewansrus Rd	(585) 370-5154

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Walter Zurich	315 SHELDON RD	585-905-6590
JAMES Zurich	315 Sheldon RD	585-370-6668
Janice Zurich	315 Sheldon RD	585-303-2422
Mike Zurich	5521 HOLTZ RD	585 261-7445
Robert Baldwin	559 Sheldon Pk	585-509-0319
Marylyn Stone	304 Sheldon	315 588 8128
Wendy Walker	223 Yellow Mills Rd	315-498-9196
Ann Bathaser	<u>ADDRESS</u> 1133 County Rd 8 Farm.	<u>PHONE</u> 585-289-8590
Jennifer Batha	266 Yellow Mills	
Allie M. Batha	266 Yellow Mills	315-597-4431
JM Batha	266 Yellow Mills	"
Karen Stratton	5798 Clover Meadow	"
ANDREW STRATTON	4638 Ashmore Road	585-398-3014
		585-289-4012

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Randy Waitl	226 Yellow Mills Rd Palmyra NY 14522	585-329-0387#
Peter Vanderwall	125 Yellow Mills Rd Palmyra	585-879-4955#
Robert LaMotte	192 Yellow Mills Rd Palmyra NY	
Andrew Strub	4638 Rushmore Road 815 Sheldon Road	Palmyra NY Shantville, N.Y. 585-289-9277
Margaret E. Funk	815 Sheldon Rd	Shantville NY.
Ivory W. French	5155 Wiborn Rd	Shantville NY.
Michael J. Freeland	373 Ellsworth Rd	Shantville NY. 585-289-6103 #
James + HG	4923 Maxwell Rd	315 398 0356
John [Signature]	568 Yellow Mills Rd	Palmyra 610-247-0028
[Signature]		(585) 370-5154
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
James Redmond	Fox Road	315-879-2808
Chad Redmond	Fox Road	585-880-0911
Brian [Signature]	Fox Road	585-764-5802
Lemuel Buck	Fox Road	315-945-4820
Leroy Buck	Stafford Rd	315 577-0008
Robert VanCaesetele	520 Stafford Road	PHONE 585-289-8010

