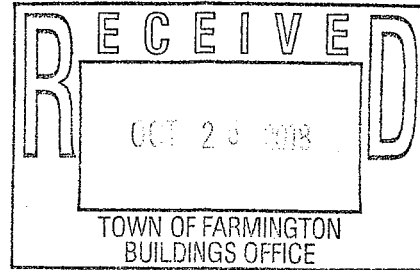


October 22, 2018

Town of Farmington Planning Board

Town of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals



Dear Board Members:

I write to voice my objection to the application submitted on behalf of Delaware River Solar, LLC to construct a 40 acre Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar PV System on Yellow Mills and Fox Rd. We have resided on Ellsworth Rd for the past 35 years. I am a former Supervisor of this Town. During my tenure the Town embarked on beginning a Master Plan. This was at a time when the Town was under heavy development pressure. We wanted to determine what the people of this Town wanted and to establish control of our future to the greatest benefit for the greatest number of our residents. The area that is now being considered for this large scale power plant is an area of agricultural land and rural residential homes. This is exactly the way the people who live in this portion of Farmington wanted the area to stay, and therefore this character was made part of the Master Plan. The construction of a large scale solar power plant will forever end the character of this area of Farmington with significant and numerous detrimental impacts without **any return benefit to the residents of the Town.**

I take particular objection to the semantic gymnastics used by Delaware River in the application and environmental assessment form that we have been able to review. Reference is made to three crucial selling points: **solar, community based, and community subscription.** Solar power clearly has demonstrable advantages, but not on the scale or location proposed. We will be getting a massive power plant, call it by whatever name, but it is a power plant. Never, has the construction and location of a power plant improved the quality of life or enhanced property value. Community based, again sounds nice and acceptable, but in truth, this is not community based. This is a profit making opportunity for a New York City based limited liability corporation. Delaware intends to place a power plant in our town so that profits will flow to them with absolutely no benefit to the residents of the Town, but with the above stated detriments that we will have to live with and deal with when Delaware is long gone from the scene. Finally, the greatest sham is the suggestion that we will receive some type of electrical rate benefit. Based upon everything that we have seen, as well as the information provided by the Town this is simply not true. The power generated from the power plant will be sold to RG&E without any reduction in our electric rates. Simply stated, we are the place where two corporations want to place something objectionable so that they can reap profits and we bear the detrimental impacts. There is also a cursory review by Delaware of the environmental impact of the proposed power plant without any proof that the responses are accurate. The project would sit on a principal aquifer on land with drumlins in the midst of numerous wildlife species. There is no mention of the traffic flow on Fox Rd. during rush hour and what impact construction would have on traffic flow.

You have been appointed to represent the best interests of all the people of Farmington, not the profit seeking of corporations, whose first and primary objective is to make money. This application should be

rejected, and the question of solar power plants should be reviewed by the Town Board to determine what code revisions there should be so that the Town and its citizens can determine, how, where and under what circumstances, we can develop community based solar power so that it will have minimal impact and provide benefits for the people of our Town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Foley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".