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Cape Cod Country Club Solar-25009-Falmouth

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I am very opposed to the solar farm at Cape Cod Country Club. What a waste of an amazing and historic place. Why not target other options like making solar on existing structures more available? Why not help to decentralize the solar production? That would provide more consistency in the event of storm damage. It would provide more local jobs from manufacturing and installation to maintenance. Building a solar farm on the Cape Cod Country Club golf course isn't a great idea when we look at technical problems. A golf course is different from a regular field, and covering it with solar panels could cause big issues. Here's why we should keep the golf course as it is.

First, the land isn't perfect for solar panels. Golf courses have hills, slopes, and uneven ground to make the game fun. Solar panels need flat, stable land to work well and catch sunlight. Changing the land to make it flat would cost a lot of money and could mess up the soil, causing erosion or flooding problems later.

Second, the golf course has lots of trees and shade. Solar panels need full sunlight to make electricity, but trees block the sun. Cutting down trees to make room for panels would hurt the environment more than help it. Trees clean the air and give homes to animals, so losing them is a bad trade.

Third, building a solar farm needs big machines and heavy panels, which could damage the land. Golf courses have special drainage systems to keep the grass healthy and prevent flooding. Construction might break these systems, making it hard to grow grass or plants there later if we ever want to change it back.

Finally, there are better places for solar farms, like old parking lots or flat, empty fields. These spots don't need as much work to set up and won't ruin a place people love. Let's keep the golf course for playing and put solar panels somewhere else that makes more sense!

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