Public Comment

Cape Cod Country Club Solar-25009-Falmouth

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As a resident of Falmouth who lives adjacent to Coonamessett Pond, I urge the Commission to approve the development of the solar array proposed to occupy the site of the existing Cape Cod County Club. There are a variety of reasons why this project should proceed quickly.

1. Federal tax incentives for commercial solar development will expire within the next year.
2. This may be one of the last solar arrays built for many years until new federal legislation is passed promoting clean sources of energy.
3. MA utilities are experiencing increased electrical demand from the growth of electric cars, heat pumps and induction stoves.
4. Like all freshwater ponds on the Cape, Coonamessett Pond is threatened by overdevelopment. And because this pond is a source of drinking water for Falmouth, there is critical need to protect the land surrounding the pond from any alternative development that could increase the load of nitrogen and phosphorus. The proposed solar array would be very compatible with the mission to protect the health of Coonamessett Pond.
5. PureSky has demonstrated a willingness to make the site accessible for the public to enjoy via new trails.

In summary, I urge the Commission to quickly approve this application for the health of the pond, for the good of the people of Falmouth, and for the sake of supporting clean energy.

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