Public Comment

Cape Cod Country Club Solar-25009-Falmouth

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Do not support the large-scale solar farm on the Cape Cod Country Club site.
This property has been a recreational site in Falmouth since 1928. Once an area has been removed from recreational use it will never again be available for recreational use. Bald eagles, hawks and osprey perch and nest in the tall pines throughout the course. There is concern about the solar panel disposal in 40 years. Solar panels complex material composition contain glass 75%, aluminum 10%, polymers 10% and silicon/metals 5%. Some panels qualify as hazardous waste due to heavy metals like lead and cadmium. The majority of the world's solar panel are made in China. Las Vegas was an early adaptor of solar panels. Currently they face an expensive dilemma as solar farms transition offline dealing with disposal, contamination costs and bankrupt solar investors. The Friends of Cape Cod Country Club would suggest if the Falmouth community desires a large solar farm, wouldn't it make sense to erect panels similar to the Barnstable County Fairgrounds solar project site and utilize many of the Steamship Authority parking lots for a large-scale solar farm. The Country Club sale to Canadian owned US affiliate solar company includes 6 parcels of land totaling 145 acres. However, only 5 parcels will be utilized. When this property reverts back to Falmouth in 40 years it will be the next generations dilemma for disposal and decontamination. The 4th hole parcel of 7 acres was being identified by the Town for 403b housing is not part of the CC Commission's current application review. The Club owners (the Freil Family) are experienced golf club operators who have been good neighbors with the Town of Falmouth, but their sale to the solar company and the Cape Cod Commission's approval of this large-scale solar project will scar the Falmouth landscape transforming it from green rolling hills and valleys to treeless soil and sand. It will look similar to the site adjacent to Blacksmith Shop Road in Falmouth with acres of treeless, barren, graded dirt with a much smaller solar farm. In summary, please reject the solar company's application and allow the Freil family to utilize the free-market system and sell the course to golf course operators. Thank you for your consideration - The Friends of Falmouth Country Club

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