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Subject: Re: Solar Farm Follow-up

Dear Ms. Morgan / Planning Board:

Just a quick follow up on your response...

As quoted in your e-mail below, "*precludes Massachusetts municipalities from prohibiting solar energy systems. In a nutshell, this includes all zoning districts which means that State law says that solar energy systems must be allowed anywhere regardless of zoning districts.*"

The neighboring Town of Dudley will be restricting large-scale, ground-mounted solar farms as follows: "*The Planning Board received unanimous support on its proposal to amend zoning bylaw to **prohibit large-scale, ground-mounted solar farms in residential zones**, the conservation and floodplain districts, as well as in one business and two light industrial zones. The **revision allows solar farms as a right in industrial 43 and industrial 130 zones only.***" as quoted from this Article in the Worcester Telegram: <http://www.telegram.com/news/20160524/dudley-voters-ok-17m-budget-solar-farm-restrictions>

Also, another neighboring Town of Sutton, recently reject the requests to location three (3) Solar Farms in the town: Also, as quoted in the Worcester Telegram: "***Three citizen petition articles**, seeking to amend zoning bylaws to add large parcels of privately owned land to the Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District, **all failed.***" <http://www.telegram.com/news/20180514/sutton-town-meeting-bans-retail-marijuana-allows-growers>

The Town of Webster and the Planning Board needs to protect the integrity of the Town and **not allow** large-scale, ground-mounted Solar Farms in residential neighborhoods. If the Town of Dudley and Sutton are allowed to restrict Solar Farms from being located in residential neighborhoods, **then Webster can (and should) be doing the same.**

Thank you,

Sharyn Morin

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