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Memo

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Planning & Code Enforcement Offices

Re: Ordinance Change Proposal – Include Solar Arrays as a Public Utility Facility

Proposal: Include Solar Arrays as a Public Utility Facility

Reasons:

For several years the Town has considered several Town owned properties for potential solar array sites that would reduce the Town's electrical energy consumption and costs by providing a clean energy alternative. Such a use is not clearly permitted by the current Land Use ordinance definitions of a "Municipal Facility use" or a "Public Utility Facility use." The proposed definition change to Public Utility Facility would allow the solar array use.

Proposed Ordinance Changes:

§145-10. Definitions.

PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITY

A Building(s) or structure(s) necessary for the furnishing of publicly regulated utility services primarily within the Town of Wells, excluding subsurface or aerial transmission lines. The principal use of any such facility or structures shall be for such things as, but not limited to, switching stations, relay stations, solar electricity generation facility, treatment facilities and pumping stations.