

October 6, 2024

Good morning ZBA Committee Members and Caryn Case,

Bill and I will not be able to attend the ZBA meeting tonight but would like to thank you for the invite.

We are the neighbors across the street from the proposed structures on the Coffey Family Trust land.

We have one point to clarify on the application in paragraph 3 of the Supplemental Information pages at the end of the Application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment received Sept 13, 2024 and Revised September 20, 2024:

We see both the barn where the panels will go as well as the proposed area for the ground mount system from our land across the street. Although it is true that from the road, the Coffey Family Trust land is notably higher than the road, our land is at the same height above the road. We use the land directly across from the proposed solar panels on a daily basis. We also see the lights from the Coffey's house and barn through the "dense forest" from our house at night as well as from the road in front of our house.

As to the request for a variance on section 15B.3 of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance, we believe that the town should not have an ordinance to limit solar production for personal use on one's own property. In kind, the override specific to 15B.3 should be granted.

A side note to the ZBA for consideration: In the future, 15B.3 should be removed unless the point of 15B.3 is to prevent commercial production of power on residential property. If that is the case, then it should be reworded to say only that. The town should not limit residents' freedom to generate all of the power on their property that is used at their personal residence.

Thank you,

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