

To: The Cape Cod Commission
Date: April 21, 2020
From: Judith Holt
Re: The AMP project in Sandwich

While I have decades of experience and training in solar thermal and photovoltaics in the built environment, I am not a botanist or trained in land use and am on a learning curve about climate change science. I, therefore, turn to the best in the field for this information who are also leaders in renewable energy. To me, this is Mass Audubon. They have been studying land use in the light of climate change more than any other organization I know. I have worked with them to analyze their built environment and through that in-depth experience, grew to understand and appreciate their depth of knowledge with land use, botany, biology, solar and climate change.

Mass Audubon, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative and the Association to Preserve Cape Cod all agree. This is no small feat. They all agree that you don't want to tear down trees to install solar. The impact is too great. Enough said for me. They had me with Mass Audubon.

We need solar and renewable energy installations, no question. But we cannot throw the baby out with the bath water. I, therefore, do not support the AMP project in its current location of 180 Cotuit Road, Sandwich.

I sincerely hope that the Cape Cod Commission takes a leadership position in this and other renewable energy projects – done the best way possible. It is important that this project does not set a precedent for future solar array projects on Cape Cod.

I am also one of the active members of Sandwich Climate Action Network (Sandwich CAN), which is a group of concerned citizens who are working to help reduce CO2 output and promote use of renewable technologies in the town.

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