

Memo: Waitsfield Selectboard

May 8, 2014

From: Waitsfield Conservation Commission

Re: Proposed Solar Array Installation at Town Garage Site

Consistent with its responsibilities regarding lands in the community which could have educational and scientific values, the Conservation commission strongly endorses both the proposed solar array installation and its location on public land.

The site is ideally suited for this purpose, and due to its easy and safe access, provides a distinct learning opportunity for the public and local students. A close-up, on-site educational experience contributes substantially to classroom programs, and the entire Washington West student body would benefit from understanding the science and financial reasoning supporting this project.

Additionally, the project provides an additional element to the Valley's larger sense of living a community conservation ethic. In this regard, the values shown in demonstrated advances will lead and help in our progress toward higher quality energy sources and overall care of our environment.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Leo Laferriere

Chair