

# Waitsfield Elementary School

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Dear Valerie and Waitsfield Selectboard:

Let this letter serve as indication of the Waitsfield Elementary School's interest in participating in the proposed 102kW municipal solar project for the Waitsfield town garage site. Waitsfield Elementary School has made significant energy efficiency improvements to its facility and would welcome a shift to a locally sourced renewable energy system.

The School's involvement would fall under the following parameters:

- \* An interlocal net metering agreement, or some other similar document shall be created by the town of Waitsfield outlining how reimbursements will be made for any credits assessed by Green Mountain Power for the allocated generation of the solar project on the school's monthly electric bill.
- \* The School Board supports reimbursing a portion or up to the full amount of any credited funds allocated to the school to directly offset costs of the proposed project. That said, the overall costs for electricity for the school must not exceed what the school would pay if we were to simply purchase electricity through Green Mountain Power without an interlocal net metering agreement in place.
- \* Per state statute, in absence of voter approval of a school board item brought before the town, the school cannot take on liability for the costs of project. A clause outlining this needs to be included within the interlocal agreement.
- \* The costs associated with creating an interlocal net metering agreement or similar document that meets legal review will be addressed by the Waitsfield Select Board.

We support this municipal project in its efforts to build sustainable energy sources and make decisions that protect the fiscal security of the town.

Respectfully,

The Waitsfield School Board:

Allison Champlin, Eve Frankel, Helen Kellogg, Christine Sullivan, Rob Williams