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ARTICLE 23: SOLAR CANOPIES:

AN ARTICLE to see if the Town will vote to amend the Carver Zoning Bylaw by adding a new section (3590) titled "Solar Canopies" as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 3590. SOLAR CANOPIES

3590.10 Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the creation of solar canopies over municipal parking lots owned by the Town.

3590.20 Locations. Solar canopies are a permitted principal use in all zoning districts where municipal facilities are a permitted use, subject to site plan review (Section 3100) and special permit (Section 5300) by the Planning Board as the special permit granting authority. Proposed locations shall be approved at Town Meeting. In addition, the Board/Commission or Department controlling a town-owned property shall approve of any proposal for solar canopies on property under its jurisdiction.

3590.30 Procedure. Any town-owned property that is being considered for solar canopies must undergo a procurement process for lease of land and/or air rights. The procurement process will consider location, design, height, screening and other factors, in addition to financial factors to select a company to develop a solar canopy project for the site.

After a solar developer is selected, then the Planning Board, as the special permit granting authority, will follow the procedures for site plan review and special permit and after notice and public hearing and after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of other town boards, commissions and/or departments, the SPGA may grant such a permit.

PLANNING BOARD

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: The 2019 Annual Town Meeting approved Article 17 Lease of Air Rights Over Town-Owned Land for Solar Canopies. The vote approved the transfer of the care and custody of municipal parking lots of specified Town-Owned properties to the Select Board for the lease of air rights, easements, etc. to private solar developers that would allow for the development of solar canopies over municipal parking lots. This proposed amendment would amend the zoning bylaw to allow the solar canopies as a second principal use so that any electrical power generated may be sold to the electrical grid if the power generated could not be used locally due to existing power agreements.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move that the Town approve Article 23 as set forth in the Warrant.
(2/3rds Vote Required)

Recommendation: Select Board 0-0 Planning Board 5-0

As voted 4/14/21

PROPOSED MOTION: Bruce Maki made the motion and was seconded to move that the Town approve Article 21 as set forth in the Warrant. (2/3 Vote Required) Recommendation: Select Board 0-0 Planning Board 5-0 Hand count taken – 36 yes, 25 no – does not carry by 2/3 ARTICLE 21 VOTE: MOTION FAILS BY 2/3 VOTE