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Dear Aaron:

It was good meeting with you on February 26th to get a feel for the basics of the potential solar project on the York property, a very interesting and positive proposition for Farmington. As you know, the Town is researching the process by which it would review such a development, and last Tuesday I shared our attorney's opinion on same with you.

In fact, I'm moving ahead fairly quickly, and have already drafted some performance standards for solar energy projects to be added to our Zoning Ordinance, which I'll forward to you this week. We will also be adding a separate line item for solar energy systems in the Table of Uses (as we previously did for wind energy systems).

As it stands now, such a solar project would currently be categorized as heavy industrial, a use only allowed in the GP district, which may not encompass portions of the York project which might be in the FF district. Nonetheless, any needed ordinance modifications will be considered at a mid-year Special Town Meeting, and I don't think we'll have any problem getting everything prepared for your subsequent submittal of formal applications.

Sincerely,

J. Stevens Kaiser
Code Enforcement Officer