Municipal Solar Project

26 Baptist Rd. 60kW Solar and Battery

Why put town buildings on renewable energy?

We've been asked numerous times...

"Is solar really worth it?"

- A case study, on an installed NH system, shows a 7.6% ROI average payback on the original investment . Estimates from NREL show 6-20% ROI.
 - https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-wwtfsolarca sestudies.pdf
- Each year, the system will protect against increasing electric rates, by generating power at the increased rates. Along with being a good investment, each year it will reduce the town electric bill, carbon output, and provide security and resilience.

What is proposed, the cost, and the savings?

- Project proposed is a 60kW solar array, as designed in 2024, with battery backup
- If the town approves a warrant, the system will be paid for with a \$180k bond
- Solar generates power that reduces town electric bills

- Part of the existing electric budget will pay for a \$180k bond, over 20 years
- The system will generate \$12-14k* per year depending on additional demand charges offset
- Over 25 years without this project the town will pay **\$875k** in electric bills at 3.67% growth
- *- Assumes group net metering between town buildings

- With Solar the town will pay less than \$500k in electric bills, saving **\$375k**
- There is no additional cost to taxpayers, over what would be budgeted anyway, only savings
- \$126k cost after rebates with \$375k in savings = **7.9%** avg annual ROI over 25 years

26 Baptist Rd - Municipal Solar site



26 Baptist Rd - one idea of proposed layout of panels

- fAttachment Section III Question 5
- 140 Q.Tron 425w Panels
- 140 Enphase IQ8M Microinverters
- 59.5 kW System
- Standing Seam S5 Attachments (0 Penetrations to the roof)
- 65,376 kWh/Annual Production
- TSRF = 84%



Yearly Electric Costs and Yearly Cost W/Solar



Year