

368 Sea Meadow Drive  
Portsmouth, RI 02871

9 July 2020

Town of Portsmouth  
Zoning Board of Review  
2200 East main Road  
Portsmouth, RI 02871

To the Board and for the record:

We object to the (R-20) Installation of a Solar Energy System by Christopher and Debra Burnett at 415 Sea Meadow Drive for the following reasons:

Such a structure is in clear violation of the Sea Meadow Farms restrictions, which state: **“No structure shall be erected upon the granted premises for any purpose or use other than for one single family dwellinghouse and for one private garage for the housing of a maximum of three vehicles. No outbuildings of any description shall be erected on the granted premises provided, however, that uses accessory to the residence, such as a greenhouse, pergola, or arbor are permitted.”** The previous statement was extracted from the SEA MEADOW FARMS RESTRICTIONS as recorded in the Land Evidence Records, Town of Portsmouth, Rhode island in Book No. 73 Page 233-237. Our current and past association members have worked hard to maintain the intent of the restrictions.

A structure-supported solar system is totally alien to the character of the neighborhood that has sought to preserve a setting of unique, but beautiful home sites. Although partially concealed by bushes, there is no guarantee that will always be the case. Severe weather and plant disease may reduce concealment and allow greater visibility to an ugly structure that does not belong in our neighborhood.

Although the Sea meadow Farms restrictions specify dwellinghouse placement shall be at least 35 feet from the front line of the property and 15 feet beyond any other boundary line, we do not know if the illegal solar system complies with current zoning restrictions.

Every violation of the Sea meadow Farms restrictions serves to diminish the unique appeal of the neighborhood and accordingly the property values also are affected.

Please deny the installation of this renegade solar system.

Sincerely,

Ken and Tia Scigulinsky