

My name is Marcy Wisnowski, my husband and I join our Mile Point neighbors in opposition to the installation of 25 ALLSUN Trackers by a third party developer in a field owned by Basin Harbor Club that borders our property on Mile Point Road in Ferrisburg, this road is the sole access to all Mile Point Properties.

Mile Point is a beautiful scenic and historic shoreline community, many properties that have been passed down through generations from the 1800's. Our association works together to maintain this area and address concerns which may affect the values and the good of the group itself. By the time our group was notified of the application for the solar installation it was already on the fast track, we believe the developer was working to get this completed in order to get his 2014 tax break. Basin harbor has over 700 acres, we suggested that they could find an alternative spot for this project but were told this was the most desirable location as it was not visible to their guests, keeping the entrance for Basin Harbor guests pristine and attractive. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the impact on Mile Point residents. We have expressed concerns that the proximity of the panels to the BHC compost area, which draws a large seagull population that will soil the trackers, will this require cleaning detergents to keep them effective possibly causing run off into nearby Lake Champlain, and will the glare from the trackers be a safety issue to the BHC airfield which is utilized regularly by guests flying into BHC directly over the panels? All of these concerns were dismissed in a process that was hurried and clearly favored the applicant. The Mile Point association then sent a letter to the Public Service Board informing them that this installation was near numerous historic sites and requested a halt to the project, declaring that the applicant had falsely answered this question on the application, the inquiry was launched 5 weeks after receiving the letter, but by then the installation was complete. Despite contacting BHC, the town of Ferrisburg and the public service board with our concerns this once scenic area now has 25 trackers the size of a football field and the height of 2 UPS trucks stacked on top of each other. The hurry up nature of this project and the disregard for the negative impact on our properties is very troubling. Matt Rubin the developer and Basin Harbor Club will benefit, my property values will be negatively impacted, my westerly view obscured and a once pastoral view is now a sea of metal. My husband and I live in Vermont we work very hard to pay our taxes and maintain our property, we are business owners ourselves, at what point did the "good neighbor policy" here in Vermont make an exception for out of state developers to take advantage of our inadequate policy and run roughshod over Vermonters in the process?