



SunCommon

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Testimony regarding H.366





Our Mission

SunCommon believes that everyone has the right to a healthy environment and brighter future – and renewable energy is where it starts.

Energy from the sun can power our lives and build vibrant communities.

Our mission is to tear down barriers to clean energy and use our business as a force for good.





Solar parking canopies

- Utilize our built environment, reduce impact
- Generation near load is more valuable and makes for a stronger grid
- Visible solution to our climate crisis
- Physically links clean electricity with clean transportation (EV) potential





The Alchemist, Stowe





Permits

1. CPG, treated like a ground mount in a field.
2. State Electrical: requires electrical PE stamp, review and state approval
3. State Building: requires structural PE stamp, review and state approval





CPG

- ANR, wetlands?
- ANR, storm water?
- DHP?
- Department of Agriculture, prime ag soils?
- Aesthetics, appropriate to have a parking canopy over a parking lot?
- All abutters
- Town boards





Cost, Delay, and Recommendation

Cost: \$15,000 - 30,000

Time: 6-12 months

- If there is any objection during the 45 day notice period, it would go to hearing and the permit costs and time would at least double.
- A registration, with town notification and comment period, would meaningfully reduce unnecessary permitting costs and duration, and allow for local input.
- Legislature could prescribe a permitting process substantially the same as a rooftop installation, with the addition of the town being notified at CPG submittal, with the same 30 day comment period as the utility and other parties receive.

