

**Petition to
REPEAL “Wingover Farm’s Solar APPROVAL and
STOP ANY FURTHER Development of Solar on Farm Lands**

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Tiverton Town Council, Tiverton Planning Board, and Tiverton Zoning Board,

The SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE was passed on 3/12/2018 and shortly thereafter Repealed, by the Town Council on 11/26/2018. During this short period of time several large-scale solar projects had presented proposals. Therefore the ordinance was repealed, as the members of the Town Council did not want to see this BEAUTIFUL town lose a forest of trees, its green hills and rich farming soils.

All the properties are, zoned R-80, Farming Land and are NOT to be used for Industrial Usage. Multiple projects **ARE STILL** “Subject to Approval”, as they provided the necessary paperwork in this short amount of time. Currently, IF the town accepts Any of these projects the following Zoning Ordinances will be **VIOLATED**:

Section 5 Public Utility Use (Ord. of 6-4-01(3)) *{A.}* Electric power generating station

Section 10 Retail Business (Ord. of 6-4-01(3); Ord. of 3-25-02; Ord. of 3-22-04; Ord. of 3-24-08(3); Ord. of 4-11-16) *{A.}* General retail business *{B.}* Specialty retail business *{D.}* Retail business, office and/or consumer service complex *{E.}* Retail sales accessory to the manufacture or assembly of products on the premises

Section 13 Industrial Use (Ord. of 6-4-01(3)) *{A.}* Manufacturing, storing, processing, fabricating, activities in conformance with article XIII *{B.}* Product assembly, including but not limited to: electronic items, computers, optical goods and instruments, laboratory and scientific instruments, watches and clocks, games and toys, and advertising displays

According to a Rhode Island Supreme Court Judge, July 2018 he ruled that “Solar is similar to a public utility, it would be, in fact, a manufacturing facility because it would transform sunlight into electricity”. And as stated above manufacturing is prohibited on properties zoned for R-80 Farming use under the Towns Ordinance. We also run the Risk and Possibility of land contamination upon installation and removal of panels. If they crack at any point in-between cancer-causing chemicals will leak every time it rains.

We also seek to REPEAL the just approved Wingover Farm solar project of 15 acers.

We, the undersigned, *The Citizens* of the Town of Tiverton, do not want any more of our lands destroyed.

PLEASE REPEAL Wingover Farm, 1519 Crandall Road, FINAL APPROVAL

PLEASE STOP *ANY and ALL* Solar Development on our farms.

PLEASE STOP the REZONING of Farm Lands to Industrial.

PLEASE Keep Tiverton the Beautiful Town that it has always been.

-The Citizens of Tiverton, Rhode Island

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