

ECB Comments: Consideration of this application is continued until such time as the requested area variances may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

e. Scott Norris, 5540 Wells Curtis Road

TM #125.00-1-18.110

Area Variance for installation of solar panels in the AR-2 Zoning District

Mr. Finch explained that the applicant seeks a DEC permit to install solar panels within a required 100-foot buffer from an existing pond and an Area Variance for having an accessory structure (solar panels) on the front portion of the parcel. He said the applicant has applied for the DEC permit to encroach upon the buffer.

Mr. Schwartz noted that the Town may be receiving more applications in the future for the installation of solar panels. He said that the location of the solar panels would not be visible from the road and that installation of the panels would require very little disturbance upon the property.

ECB Comments: The ECB supports this application with the condition that the applicant receives the necessary permit from the DEC.

6. 239-A CONTINUED REFERRALS: REVIEW AND COMMENT:

In. Site: Architectural representing the Unitarian Universalist Church,

3024 Cooley Road

TM #82.00-1-64.000

Area variance to construct an addition to the church

At the December 2015 meeting of the ECB, Mr. Finch explained this application might be continued or withdrawn due to the present condition of the church structure and the property. He explained that the location of the leach field has yet to be identified and may be located off the church property, and that the septic tank, located under the parking lot, is failing. He also explained that this on-site waste system would not be adequate for the additional proposal of installation of a commercial kitchen within the structure.

There was no discussion of this application at this meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Davey offered to coordinate a public education workshop on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive species threatening the hemlock trees that are vital to maintaining soil stability in the gullies of the Town.