



Dear Medfield Resident-

At the 2021 Town Meeting, Medfield residents voted to support “a goal of eliminating or offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions originating in the Town by the year 2050 or earlier (known hereafter as the Net Zero 2050 goal).” With this mandate, the development of the Town of Medfield Climate Action Plan commenced. This plan outlines strategies to achieve net zero by 2050, with a core strategy of investing in renewable energy.

The Medfield Energy Committee has identified some priority projects and has asked the school committee to lead the way by considering the installation of solar at Medfield Public Schools, which represent the largest buildings and opportunity for solar in the Town of Medfield.

The benefits of installing solar at the schools include:

- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Off-set in the energy use in the schools
- Saving money and stabilizing future expenses
- Creating a visible reminder that the schools intend to be a part of the climate solution
- Helping counteract climate anxiety and improve mental health in children of every age

The school solar projects initially being considered include solar canopies above parking at the Blake Middle School, the High School and Memorial School as well as a rooftop installation at Blake Middle School. (Note: the age of the roofs at most of the Medfield schools precludes solar installations at this time).

**We are writing to you today as you live in proximity to one of the school locations under consideration. We want to inform you about the projects and where you can get additional information and participate in conversations.**

On the enclosed sheet, you can see the schematics for where solar canopies are being proposed. The final designs and layouts are being developed now. Also enclosed with this letter is a “Frequently Asked Questions” document that we hope will be informative to you.

We invite you to attend the following programs:

## **Showings of the movie *Catching the Sun***

Learn how the transition to solar energy is taking place in many diverse communities.  
Co-sponsored by the Medfield Energy Committee and the Medfield School Committee  
Monday March 27 - Medfield High School Auditorium 7pm  
Sunday April 2 - Medfield Public Library Meeting Room 1pm

## **Go Solar, Medfield!**

Online presentation Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm via zoom. Find zoom information on the town website and/or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/MedfieldWebinar>

In-person presentation Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Public Safety Building.

At each program The Medfield Energy Committee will present:

- Why Solar is an important part of Medfield's Climate Action Plan
- What the town and schools are planning for solar
- How to get started exploring solar energy for your home

**Warrant Article Conversation Wednesday April 26th 7pm via zoom.** Warrant Article #tbd asks Town Meeting to authorize the School Committee to enter into lease agreements for solar installations. This includes installations on parking lots as well as on school roofs. Members of the Energy Committee and Frank Gervasio, Assistant Town Administrator, will be available to answer questions on the warrant article. At Town Meeting 2021, a similar warrant article was passed authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease agreements for solar installations on non-school properties. Zoom link will be available on the town website.

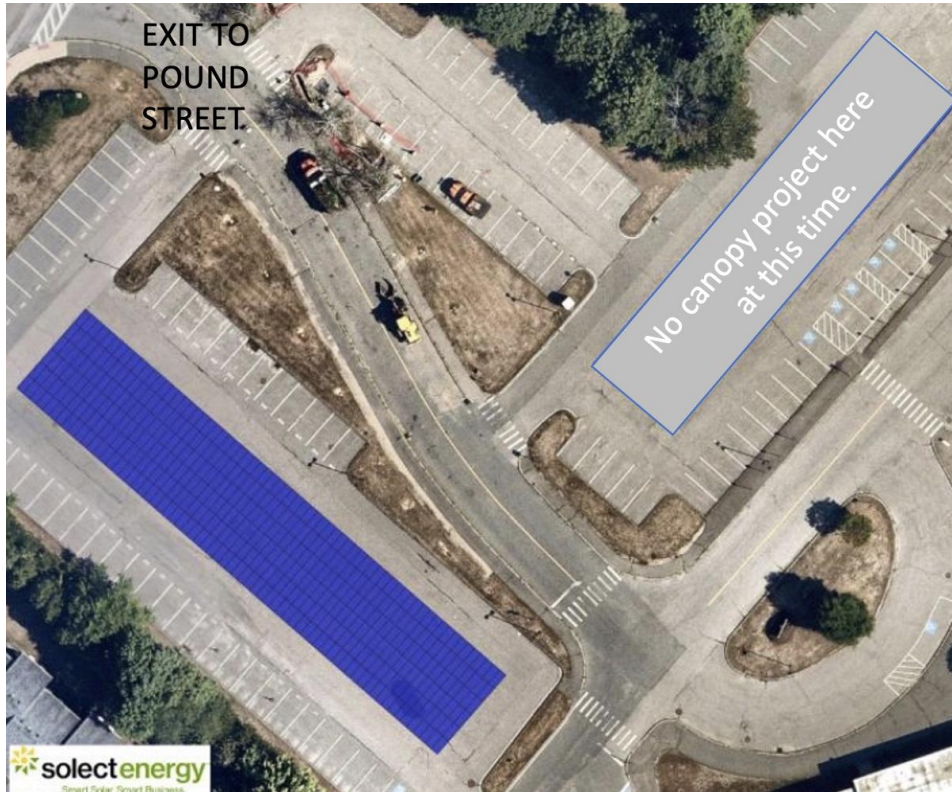
We are very excited about these projects that will bring substantial renewable energy to Medfield and will help stabilize energy costs for the schools. Next steps will be to host a program providing more information on the school projects, as well as following the formal planning board process defined for abutters within 300 feet of each project.

PLEASE VISIT <https://tinyurl.com/2023SolarProject> to ADD YOUR NAME AND EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION. This will allow us to reach you by email regarding the future program when more design details are available.

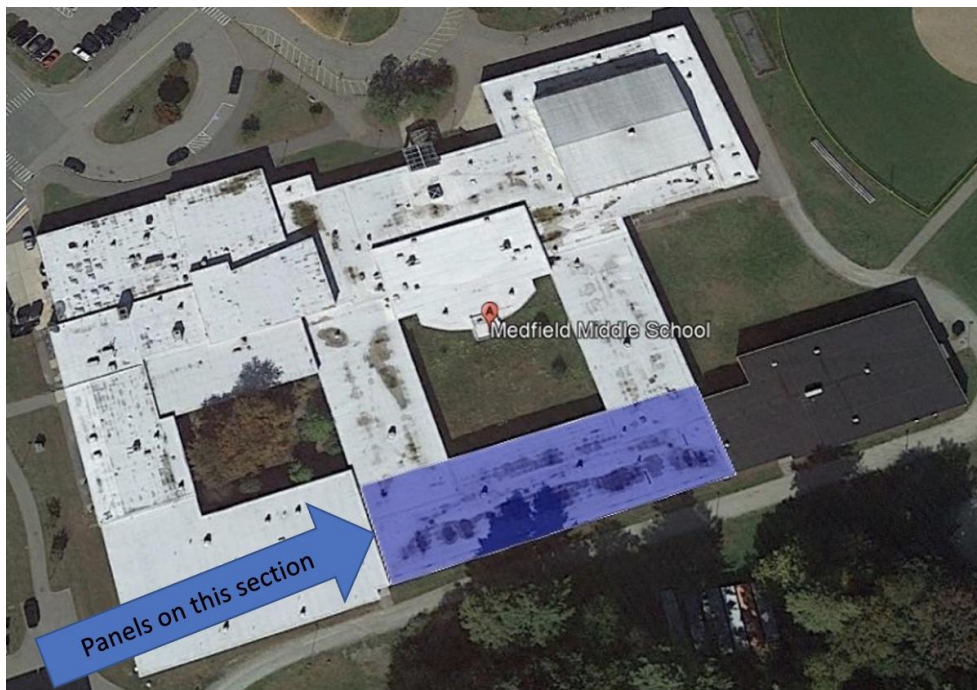
Please email us at [MedfieldEnergyComm@medfield.net](mailto:MedfieldEnergyComm@medfield.net) if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the upcoming events.

The Medfield Energy Committee

BLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



ROOFTOP INSTALLATION ON RECENTLY REPAIRED ROOF





MEDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



MEMORIAL SCHOOL

