

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a Temporary Moratorium on the Construction Large Scale Photovoltaic Systems, that would provide as follows;

a) Purpose.

The average size of a solar system that would provide electricity for residential use in Massachusetts is 5 kilowatts. The average size of a solar system to provide electricity for a barn or a sugar house is 35 kilowatts. The Town of Buckland contains very rural and undeveloped areas. There are currently no large scale photovoltaic energy systems in the Town. The Town of, or residents of, Buckland may be approached to develop large solar in the near future. Larger systems potentially could affect the Town as a whole. There is an identifiable community need to establish long-term zoning regulations to ensure that such uses and developments will be consistent with the Town's long term planning interests. It is crucial that the Town establish a temporary moratorium on the use of land and the construction of structures related to such large scale photovoltaic systems and the issuance of building permits in connection with the same.

b) Moratorium

No building permit may be issued for the construction of any large scale photovoltaic system in size of more than 150% of the documented average annual use of a residential, commercial, business, municipal or agricultural application, and not to exceed 35 kilowatts, until June 15, 2013. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives, or take any action related thereto.