

Meeting of Shutesbury, MA Municipal Event Wednesday May 19, 2021 7 PM EDT

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Shutesbury Solar and Smart Program Event

May 19, 2021

7:00pm on ZOOM

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The Selectboard has invited Zara Dowling, Clean Energy Extension Research Fellow at UMass, to present at a public forum moderated by our Town Moderator, Paul Lyons. This event is sponsored by the Select Board and the Planning Board. Dr. Dowling has been working with towns like Shutesbury to understand and plan for solar development under the new state solar incentive program. Dowling worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the towns of Belchertown, Blandford, Easthampton, East Longmeadow, Hadley, Northampton, Pelham, Ware, Westhampton, Wilbraham, and Williamsburg on PVPC's development of the Solar Best Practices Guide: A guide to assist municipalities with solar land use regulation (http://www.pvpc.org/sites/default/files/Solar%20Best%20Practices%20Guide_1.pdf). Dowling is currently working with a large team to develop a planning process for community-driven solar siting and financing, which is being piloted in three rural western Massachusetts towns - Blandford, Wendell and Westhampton (<https://ag.umass.edu/clean-energy/research-new-initiatives/community-driven-solar-siting-financing>).