

The Planning Board is very pleased to report to the town that we received 344 returned surveys, including 143 online. That is a very good return rate, about 25% of citizens eligible to vote. We included all surveys that were received. There were many thoughtful comments, balancing aesthetics and environmental concerns.

Below is a simple summary of the results. A more complete compilation, including graphs, and all the comments, will be available on the town website sometime this week.

Total surveys received = 344

1) What is your preference for a limit on the size for a solar array in Lyme.

332 responses

52.4% are accepting of an array of 5 to 7 acres

2) Would it bother you if a multi-acre solar array were located near your property?

329 responses

Yes - 43.8%

No - 56.2%

3) Multi-acre solar arrays should be allowed along (list of roads)

333 responses

Route 10 South was acceptable to 51%

A majority also voiced a desire for arrays to be visually unobtrusive.

4) Should we allow multi-acre solar arrays in Lyme where woodland was clear cut for the primary purpose of installing the array?

327 responses

Yes - 41.6%

No - 58.4%

5) Should we limit construction of multi-acre solar arrays to those projects serving primarily Lyme residents and businesses?

316 responses

Yes - 63.3%

No - 36.7%

6) What is your interest in solar energy?

306 responses

A good majority - 60% or so - is interested in gaining more access to solar and renewable energy.

There were 270 comments.