

DAEAC Bulletin #1

Town of Dennis

Alternative Energy Advisory Committee

Procedures to Follow for the Installation of PV Solar Panels on Your Property

Purpose: This bulletin will state and elucidate the steps a homeowner or business-owner needs to follow when seeking to install solar (photo-voltaic) panels on his or her property in the town of Dennis.

Steps:

1. --Contact the Cape Light Compact (800-797-6699 or www.capelightcompact.org) to schedule an energy audit or a renewable energy site assessment.

2.--Confer with a certified contractor in solar panel installation to develop a plan and to ascertain costs and specifications. A partial list of local certified solar power contractors can be obtained from the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, online (www.nesea.org) or by calling 413-774-6051

3. --Schedule an informal appearance before the relevant Historical Committee to review your building modification plans (rough draft OK).

4.--Contact Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (508-870-0312 or www.mtc.org), or Cape and Islands Self Reliance Corporation (508-563-6633 or 888-808-0120, or www.reliance.org) to learn which State and/or Federal financial incentive programs might be available.

5.--Advise your contractor to contact the appropriate power company to insure acceptability of eventual interface with power company.

6. --Before submitting a building permit application you are required to obtain an assessment from a licensed engineer to verify that the structural capacity of the existing roof is sufficient to withstand the imposed loads of the panel array, under the terms of 780 CMR Chapter 1, Sec 116.

7.--Submit a construction plan to the Dennis Building Department and to the appropriate Historical Committee for approval and building permit. The town will consider installation of solar panels just like any other exterior building modification project.

8.--Complete contractual arrangements with selected installer and begin work, being certain to inform the appropriate Dennis Departments in a timely manner for required inspections.

9.--Secure final inspection of completed installation and contact your power company for completion of interface with power grid.

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