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RE: MHRB 2020-0001

I would love to be at the MHRB meeting, but I am scheduled to work at Corners until 9PM. When I was on the Review Board we based our deliberations on the Guidelines for the Historic District, and the purpose of those guidelines was to preserve the appearance of Mendocino Town as a 19th century New England village. (My interpretation) The idea of solar panels has come to the Review Board in the past, and was treated with the caveat that if solar collectors can't be seen from the street or a neighbor's house they would be allowed. To my memory, only those on Mendosa's (Harvest) Market were ever approved. I love living in an historic preservation district, and would be horrified if anything that Planning permitted would cause us to lose that designation. At the same time, I completely understand and agree with the desire of the applicant to tap into the solar energy that blesses us most of the time. I do not envy the members of the MHRB their position, and I suggest that they carefully follow the dictum - out of sight, out of mind.

Garnish