

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I was very disappointed this evening when the Bedford Historic District Commission voted 3-2 to deny First Parish's petition to put solar panels on the roof of the church. The congregation had spend significant time and effort to meet objections raised at previous HDC meetings, and the plan developed would have had minimal visual effect, but the commission was unmoved.

In my opinion they were mistaken to choose the preservation of an unblemished modern asphalt shingle roof (already an anachronism on this colonial building, which surely had a slate roof originally) over the preservation of our environment. Future generations would value that much more highly.

It would be good if they would reconsider.

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