

#### **5.17.5. General requirements for all large-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic installations.**

The following requirements are common to all large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations.

- A. Compliance with laws, bylaws and regulations. The construction and operation of all large-scale solar photovoltaic installations shall meet all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code, and further comply with all other provisions of the Ashburnham Zoning Bylaws.
- B. Utility notification. No large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant (AMLPL) has been informed of the solar photovoltaic installation owner's or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. All proponents should inform themselves of AMLPL's Distributed Generation Interconnection Study to the extent applicable.
- C. Building permit and building inspection. No large-scale solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this Section 5.17 without first obtaining a building permit.
- D. Fees.
  - (1) An application fee for site plan review is required. (See the Planning Board Fee Schedule for the amount required.<sup>1</sup>)
  - (2) In addition, a review fee may be required by the Planning Board, which sum shall be based upon an estimate provided by the peer review engineer appointed by the Planning Board to review the project. The review fee shall be paid to the Town and deposited into a 53G Account prior to commencement of the hearing. Sufficient funds to compensate the Town's engineer shall remain in the account until final payment is made at the end of the process.

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1. Editor's Note: See Ch. 427, Fees.