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Ridgefield Road

Concerns

1. The artist's impressions submitted with the plans appear to significantly understate the size of the proposed unit. The unit is listed at 10' tall, so would not be effectively shielded by the proposed 6' fence. It is also next to a road which runs about 10' below the generator, so it would be a towering 20' tall generator for someone passing on Lovers Lane. It would not be shielded by the fence from the back so would be completely visible from the lane, especially in winter with no vegetation. Despite the plan suggesting the generator is located in the rear of the church, the proposal situates it directly in the front yard as defined by zoning, clearly visible from both Ridgefield Road and Lovers Lane.
2. The generator is more powerful than would be required to run a soup kitchen, a furnace, and charge a few phones. It is outsized for the use presented, and only maintains enough fuel for 1-1.5 days of consistent use based on the specs presented. This makes it useless in the event of a large scale emergency when fuel deliveries are often disrupted. I don't see the need to install such a large unit unless there is another use not disclosed.

3. For the use case presented it would appear that batteries would be able to meet demand, and would be able to sit inside the property and not violate any building ordinance. Many local homeowners have already had these installed on their private property for these reasons. Given the availability of a simpler alternative that is more in keeping with the historic area I find it hard to justify installing the generator.

Based on the plans presented I cannot say I am in favor of the installation of this generator.

Best,
Michael