



November 12, 2020

Catherine Labadia  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office  
Department of Economic and Community Development  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Re: Archaeological Reconnaissance Report:  
Litchfield Solar Project, Litchfield and Torrington, CT  
PAL #3298.01

Dear Ms. Labadia:

The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) has completed a Phase I reconnaissance archaeological survey for a proposed solar project located off Wilson Road, Highland Avenue, and Litchfield Town Road in Litchfield and Torrington, Connecticut. An archaeological sensitivity assessment of the project area identified areas of archaeological sensitivity and the reconnaissance survey was undertaken to locate and identify any potentially significant archaeological resources within the Project's area of impact.

A total of 117 50-x-50-centimeter (cm) test pits were excavated, providing even coverage of the moderate and high sensitivity areas in the Project area. Two pieces of argillite and two pieces of quartz chipping debris were recovered from a single test pit. Additional testing in the form of an array of four test pits placed 2.5 meters from the original pit did not produce any additional cultural material. The investigations also recovered isolated pieces of post-contact material interpreted as field trash. The pre- and post-contact cultural materials are considered incidental, isolated finds, and not representative of a potentially significant archaeological site. PAL is not recommending any further archaeological survey.

Attached for your review and files are two copies of PAL's technical report entitled *Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey, Litchfield Solar Project, Litchfield and Torrington, Connecticut* summarizing the results, interpretations and recommendations, and two copies of the archaeological site form.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'A. Peter Mair, II'.

A. Peter Mair, II, RPA  
Senior Archaeologist

Enclosure

cc: Ali Weaver, Silicon Ranch Solar (w/o encl. – via email)  
David Held, Provost & Rovero, Inc. (w/o encl. – via email)