



Public Archaeology Laboratory

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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:
North Stonington Solar Project, North Stonington, CT
PAL #3299.01

Dear Ms. Labadia:

The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) has completed a Phase I reconnaissance archaeological survey for a proposed solar project located along CT Route 184 (Providence – New London Turnpike) in North Stonington, 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 202 50-x-50-centimeter (cm) test pits were excavated, providing even coverage of the moderate and high sensitivity areas in the Project area. No pre-contact cultural material was recovered and no subsurface features were identified. The investigations recovered isolated pieces of post-contact material that 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, North Stonington Solar Project, North Stonington, Connecticut* summarizing the results, interpretations and recommendations.

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. 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)