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Subject: Petition #1557, Raffia Road, Enfield CT

Good afternoon-

On behalf of the Town of Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission and Department, we would like you to please extend the comment period for the above for at least two additional weeks after the 2/5/23 cut off, to allow us sufficient time to fully review the proposal.

The (at the time) prospective applicant had initially indicated a willingness to meet with us on a pre-application basis, but retracted that offer in late 2022. Shortly thereafter, on 1/5/23, the Town (Enfield Planning Department) received notice via electronic mail of a formal application to the CSC. Requested materials were received by us on 1/12/23 for review. We believe CSC staff had also indicated that the 2/5/23 would be extended, however, apparently we misunderstood.

Ms. Driver (copied above) did her best to accommodate the CSC schedule and to provide review comments, however, although she has been able to raise certain valid concerns, in light of our staffing here, work load, commission meeting schedules and other relevant considerations, we have not yet been able to undertake a full review or to coordinate internally with affected stakeholders. The Petition was discussed with the Town IWC at a special meeting held last evening for this purpose, as well as with the Enfield PZC on 1/26/23. The PZC raised concerns regarding environmental matters, primarily under the local jurisdiction of the IWC, and asked staff to communicate those to the IWC.

In addition, Ms. Driver's 1/18/23 letter to Executive Director Bachman asked certain specific questions, and those have yet to be addressed (see 1/25/23 CSC reply). In particular, we would like clarification as to which sediment trap was removed, as the plans we have still show a sediment trap in a location of concern (within an escarpment area) and including associated clearing and grading that we are still evaluating. In general, both SW management and SW quality are concerns and we anticipate providing detailed comments/questions. We are also looking more closely at the "Resource Protection Program" and anticipate having additional comments in that regard, as well as with respect to the erosion control plan and tree "topping" component. We would also like to clear up the question of scope, in light of the "up to 4 MW" used in one part of the Petition, which seems to conflict with the 6.5MW used in the Carbon Debt Analysis summary.

Therefore, we believe that in light of the above, the most prudent and reasonable course at this point would be to allow the Town of Enfield at least another two weeks to complete a full review and to submit comments, suggestions and questions to the CSC. We feel this is a minor procedural inconvenience and that our having sufficient opportunity to conduct a more comprehensive review is a reasonable accommodation, given the scale and potential impacts of the project.

Assuming you agree, please confirm at your earliest convenience in writing that CSC agrees to the requested extension. Thank you for your anticipated assistance.

Thank you –

Respectfully,

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