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Hearing Program
Docket No. 497
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
2:00/6:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Public Hearing

- I. Opening by Council
 - A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.
 - B. Motions
 - 1. Applicant's Motion to Install Eastern Box Turtle Exclusion Fencing Around the Perimeter of the Project Area, dated March 5, 2021
 - C. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- D. State Agency comments
 - 1. Council on Environmental Quality Comments, dated February 24, 2021
 - 2. Department of Transportation Comments, received March 8, 2021
- II. Appearance by Applicant

Applicant: Burlington Solar One, LLC (BSO)

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A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need filed by Burlington Solar One, LLC, received January 22, 2021, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Town of Burlington Planning and Zoning Regulations
- b. Town of Burlington 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development
- c. Town of Burlington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
- 2. Applicant's Response to Council's Incomplete Letter, dated January 27, 2021
- 3. Applicant's Affidavit of Publication, dated February 11, 2021

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- 4. Applicant's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated March 16, 2021
- 5. Applicant's Amended Responses to Council Set One Interrogatory Nos. 2, 13, 30 and 45, dated March 23, 2021
- 6. Applicant's Sign Posting Affidavit, received March 23, 2021

C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. William Herchel, Chief Executive Officer, Verogy
- 2. Steven DeNino, Chief Operating Officer, Verogy
- 3. Bryan Fitzgerald, Director of Development, Verogy
- 4. Kyle Perry, Engineering Manager, Verogy
- 5. Robert Hiltbrand, Principal Engineer, R.R. Hiltbrand Engineers & Surveyors
- 6. Eric Davison, Wildlife Biologist/Owner, Davison Environmental
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
- III. Continuation by Connecticut Siting Council.