



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Hearing Program

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Zoom Remote Public Hearing

### I. Opening by Council

A. Statement read by Presiding Officer

B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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D. Municipal comments

1. Town of Bolton Request for Public Hearing, dated March 6, 2024
2. Town of Bolton Comments, April 24, 2024

E. Public Official comments

1. State Representative Jason Doucette, dated March 1, 2024
2. State Representative Steve Weir Comments, dated March 6, 2024
3. Manchester Legislative Delegation, dated March 11, 2024

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II. Appearance by Petitioner:

TRITEC Americas, LLC (**TRITEC**)

Representative:

Paul R. Michaud, Esq.  
Bernadette Antaki, Esq.  
Dylan J. Gillis, Esq.  
Michaud Law Group LLC

A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Petition for a Declaratory Ruling filed by TRITEC Americas, LLC, received January 26, 2024, and attachments.
2. Petitioner Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated April 23, 2024
3. Petitioner Pre-Filed Testimony of Howie Reed, dated April 30, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Howie Reed, Chief Operating Officer, TRITEC Americas, LLC
2. Kevin Solli, P.E., Principal, Solli Engineering, LLC
3. Cameron Hendry, Assistant Project Manager, Solli Engineering, LLC
4. Eric LaBatte, Director of Operations, Solli Engineering, LLC
5. Bill Kenny, Principal, William Kenny Associates
6. Alexander Wojtkowiak, Soil Scientist, William Kenny Associates
7. Jackson Smith, Ecologist, William Kenny Associates
8. Warren Horton, President/Member, Horton Electrical Services, LLC and Squirrel Enterprises, Inc.

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council
2. Town of Manchester
3. Rachel and Dana Schnabel
4. Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development
5. Raymond Welnicki

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III. Appearance by Party:

Town of Manchester (**TOWN**)

Representative:

John F. Sullivan, Esq.  
Manchester Corporation Counsel

A. Administrative Notice.

1. Connecticut's 2020 Forest Action Plan
2. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Fact Sheet - Permit Information for Solar Projects
3. Ernst Seeds Price Quote, dated April 22, 2024
4. Leavenworth, J. (2023) '5,200 Solar Panels Will Save Manchester \$100,000 Each Year' *The CT Insider*, published December 13, 2024

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Town of Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission Comments and Request for Public Hearing, dated March 5, 2024
2. Town of Manchester Comments and Request for Public Hearing, dated March 6, 2024
3. Town of Manchester Request for Party Status, dated April 9, 2024
4. Town of Manchester Pre-Filed Testimony, received April 25, 2024
  - a. 1997 Denied Application Files (W-103 – 250 Carter Street)
  - b. 1934 UCONN Air Photo Archive with Subject Site Approximate Location Identified

- c. Town of Manchester Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, effective January 3, 2014
  - d. Town of Manchester Zoning Regulations, effective April 18, 2017
  - e. Manchester NEXT Plan of Conservation and Development, effective July 12, 2023
  - f. 'Buckley Elementary School Attains First Net Zero Energy Verification' *The Town of Manchester*, published January 23, 2024
  - g. Video of Water from Seep at Amanda Drive
  - h. Resident Comments Submitted to Town Planning and Zoning Commission, received February 21, 2024
5. Town of Manchester Pre-Hearing Submission, dated April 30, 2024
    - a. Aerial Drone View of the Proposed Project Site and Surrounding Residences
    - b. Pre-Filed Testimony of Megan Pilla, dated April 25, 2024
    - c. Pre-Filed Testimony of David Laiuppa, dated April 25, 2024
  6. Town of Manchester Pre-Filed Testimony of Dennis Schain, dated May 2, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Megan Pilla, Principal Development Planner, Town of Manchester
2. David Laiuppa, Environmental Planner, Town of Manchester
3. Steve Stephanou, Town Manager, Town of Manchester
4. Dennis Schain, Director, Manchester Board of Directors, Town of Manchester

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council
2. Petitioner
3. Rachel and Dana Schnabel
4. Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development
5. Raymond Welnicki

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IV. Appearance by Intervenors: Rachel and Dana Schnabel (**SCH**)

Representative: Rachel Schnabel

A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Rachel and Dana Schnabel Request for Intervenor Status, dated April 17, 2024

C. Swear Witness

1. Rachel Schnabel
2. Dana Schnabel

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council
2. Petitioner
3. Town of Manchester
4. Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development
5. Raymond Welnicki

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V. Appearance by Intervenor: Manchester Advocates for  
Responsible Solar Development (**MARSD**)

Representative: Rosemary Carroll

A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Pre-filed Testimony of Rosemary Carroll, dated February 15, 2024
2. Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Department Request for Intervenor Status, dated April 17, 2024
3. Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Department Additional Pre-Filed Testimony of Rosemary Carroll, dated April 25, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Rosemary Carroll

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council
2. Petitioner
3. Town of Manchester
4. Rachel and Dana Schnabel
5. Raymond Welnicki

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VI. Appearance by Party: Raymond Welnicki (**WEL**)

Representative: Raymond Welnicki

A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Raymond Welnicki Pre-Filed Testimony, dated March 1, 2024
2. Raymond Welnicki Request for Party Status, dated April 4, 2024

3. Raymond Welnicki Request for Party Status Supplemental Information, dated April 25, 2024
4. Raymond Welnicki Additional Pre-Filed Testimony, Part One, dated April 25, 2024
5. Raymond Welnicki Additional Pre-Filed Testimony, Part Two, dated April 25, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Raymond Welnicki

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council
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VII. Continuation by Connecticut Siting Council.