



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Phone: (860) 827-2935 Fax: (860) 827-2950

E-Mail: siting.council@ct.gov

www.ct.gov/csc

May 2, 2016

Kevin Grindle
Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
Town of Hampton
Town Office Building
P.O. Box 143
Hampton, CT 06247

RE: **PETITION NO. 1222** - Windham Solar LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt and four 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located southeast of Hartford Turnpike and south of Fisk Road, Hampton, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Grindle:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Hampton's correspondence dated April 28, 2016 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda. If the Council decides to hold a public hearing, public notice of the hearing location, date and time will be provided.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and members of the public who attend the field review and submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

MAB/MP/lm

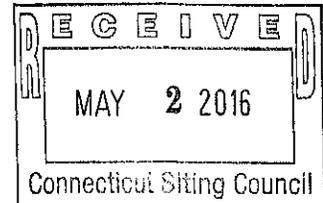
c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members



TOWN OF HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

April 28, 2016

Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



ORIGINAL

SUBJECT: PETITION NO. 1222 - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY ON HARTFORD TPKE/ROUTE 6 AND FISK ROAD, HAMPTON -- PETITION FOR DELARATORY RULING THAT NO CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED IS REQUIRED -

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) has received notice of the above petition and has received preliminary plans for the development of a solar facility in Hampton, located south of Route 6 and west of Fisk Road.

Upon consideration, the PZC wishes to express support for this project, with the following comments offered to the Siting Council regarding certain facets of this project. These are:

- 1) Use of Fisk Road for access. Fisk Road is a Town road. It is passable by pickup trucks but is currently undeveloped for use by large trucks or cars. It has a very narrow roadbed along the subject property. The adequacy of the town road and its right of way has not yet been thoroughly examined. We request that the developer coordinate with the Town so as to minimize impact to stonewalls and major trees along the affected segment of this old Town road.
- 2) Stonewall preservation. The PZC requests that the developer preserves stonewalls, whether boundary walls or interior walls, to the greatest extent possible.
- 3) Site management - during development and long term. We request that the PZC is provided with all operation and maintenance plans developed for this site.
- 4) Fence. In order to minimize interference with wildlife corridors, we request that the site fence be the minimum needed to provide security for the site and provide safety from hazardous conditions associated with electrical equipment. We ask that fencing be raised approximately 6 inches above grade to accommodate the passage of wildlife. We ask that the developer evaluate the need to locate fencing, especially chain link fence, around the entire perimeter of the site.
- 5) Stormwater management and erosion controls. We have not had the opportunity to review the (forthcoming) plans for stormwater management and erosion control on this site. We are concerned, therefore, about the adequacy of such plans, especially during the development period. We request that we are provided with this plan once it has been generated and that the Hampton land use (zoning and inland wetlands) staff be granted access to the site upon their request (with reasonable notice provided to the developer). Pursuant to the requirements of the *DEEP General Permit for the Discharge*

TOWN OF HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

of *Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities*, we request that we receive the mandated inspection correspondence relating to this Permit.

6) Invasive species. The portion of the site proposed to be developed is relatively free from invasive species. We request that the developer create a plan for invasives management such that the disturbance of soil and removal of vegetation does not result in the proliferation of invasives throughout the area of disturbance.

7) Soil Preservation. We request that all A horizon soil remain on the site. This is a standard condition of approval for development applications in Town.

8) Buffers. As the native woods are entirely deciduous, a native woods buffer does not provide a robust visual buffer without the addition of evergreen species. We request that spruce or other appropriate evergreen species are added to the buffer along Fisk Road on its west (interior) side.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, you may contact Martha Fraenkel, Hampton Planner and Zoning Official, at 617 558 9923 and at mfraenkel@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours,



Kevin Grindle, Chair
Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission