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January 9, 2020

The Honorable Christopher Lippke
First Selectman
Town of Canterbury
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1310A** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear First Selectman Lippke:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from the Town of Canterbury dated January 7, 2020, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on December 5, 2019, the Council voted to hold a public hearing on this matter in the Town of Brooklyn on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Brooklyn Community Center for the benefit of the public.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to the municipality where the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that you do not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

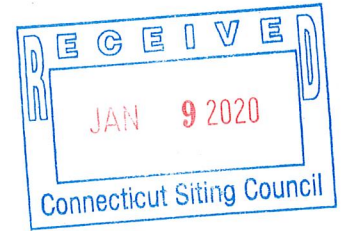
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From: firstselectman firstselectman <firstselectman@canterburyct.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie
Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council
Subject: Town of Canterbury Support Letter-Quinebaug Solar
Attachments: Cabnterbury Support Letter-Quinebaug Solar.pdf



Dear Ms. Bachman:

Attached, please find, a letter of support for the Quinebaug Solar project proposed to be located in both the Towns of Canterbury and Brooklyn. In short, I believe that this project will help Connecticut meet its renewable energy goals and will provide the Town of Canterbury with tax revenue over its years of operation. For these reasons I fully support this project.

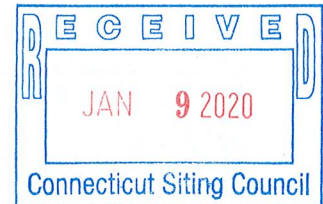
I look forward to meeting you on the 14th at the site visits and public hearing.

Chris Lippke, First Selectman

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January 7, 2020

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of the Town of Canterbury Board of Selectmen, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Economic Development Committee, we are writing to express our support for the proposed Quinebaug Solar Project. Quinebaug is an approximately 50-megawatt solar project developed by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources and located north of Wauregan Road in the Town of Canterbury and south of Rukstella Road and Allen Hill Road in the Town of Brooklyn.

In 2016, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection selected Quinebaug Solar to provide solar energy to the state's residents and businesses and help Connecticut meet its renewable energy and carbon emission reduction goals. In addition to its environmental benefits, the Quinebaug Solar Project will generate millions of dollars in property tax revenue for the Town of Canterbury over its first thirty years of operation.

The Quinebaug Solar team has worked side-by-side with town officials, residents and project neighbors dating back to early 2016. They have sought our feedback through presentations and discussions with town officials and by hosting community public open houses and incorporated our feedback into their petition. Judging from the attention to detail and consideration the Quinebaug Solar team has shown so far, we are confident that they will become a positive, long-term partner for our community.

We are pleased with the Quinebaug Solar team's responsive approach to the Siting Council's concerns regarding the project as it was initially proposed. The redesigned project underscores the company's commitment to state and local requirements and sensitivities. Increased wetland and watercourses setbacks, additional designated projection areas for endangered species, and the preservation of cultural resources are among the most notable improvements to the project. The redesigned project also adopts Canterbury's property setback requirements, even when not required.

For these reasons, the Town of Canterbury would like to express our enthusiastic and strongest possible support for the Quinebaug Solar Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or concerns.

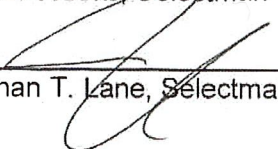
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Christopher J. Lippke, First Selectman

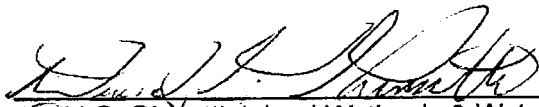
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Mark O. Weeks, Selectman

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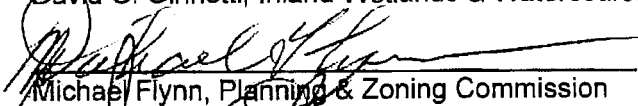

Jonathan T. Lane, Selectman

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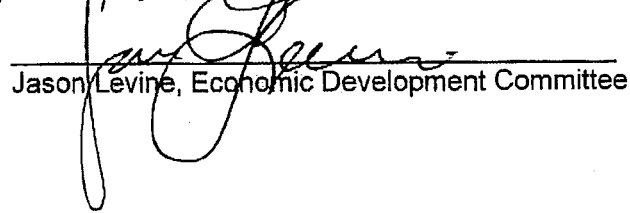
David G. Ginnetti, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

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Date



Michael Flynn, Planning & Zoning Commission

01/08/20
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Jason Levine, Economic Development Committee

1/8/2020
Date

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