

**APPENDIX 14G:
NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES PROJECT AREA FORM
RESPONSE LETTER**



NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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April 1, 2019

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Re: Chinook Solar Project, Fitzwilliam, NH (RPR 9541)

Dear Laura:

Thank you for submitting a Project Area Form for the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam. As requested, the Division of Historical Resources' Determination of Eligibility Committee has reviewed the form; based on the information available, the DOE Committee's evaluation for this project is:

TOWN/CITY	PROPERTY	DETERMINATION
Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, Rindge	Chinook Solar Project	No inventory required

A copy of the DHR evaluation form is attached for your use.

The next step in the review process is to assess the project's affects to historic properties. The following property within the 2-mile Area of Potential Effects (APE) is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Please submit an Assessment of Effects package for the property listed below (see attached):

Fitzwilliam Common Historic District

We look forward to continued consultation on this important project.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Pam Monroe- Site Evaluation Committee



NH Division of Historical Resources
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: 4/1/2019

Inventory #: ZMT_CHSP

Date of group review: 3/27/19

Area: Chinook Solar Project

DHR staff: Nadine

Property Name:

Town/City: Fitzwilliam, Rindge, and Jaffrey

Address: multiple

County: Cheshire

Reviewed for: ☒ R&C ☐ PTI ☐ NR ☐ SR ☒ Survey ☐ Other
Agency, if appropriate: Site Evaluation Committee

Individual Properties

NR SR
☒ ☒ Not evaluated for individual eligibility
☐ ☐ Eligible
☐ ☐ Eligible, also in district
☐ ☐ Eligible, in district
☐ ☐ Not eligible
☐ ☐ Incomplete information or evaluation

Districts

NR SR
☒ ☒ Not evaluated @ district
☐ ☐ Eligible
☐ ☐ Not eligible
☐ ☐ Incomplete information or evaluation

Integrity: ☐ ALL ASPECTS ☐ Location ☐ Design ☐ Setting ☐ Materials
☐ Workmanship ☐ Feeling ☐ Association

Criteria: ☐ A. Event ☐ B. Person ☐ C. Architecture/Engineering
☐ D. Archaeology ☐ E. Exception

Level: ☐ Local ☒ State ☐ National

☐ IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The project area surveyed consists of a 2-mile radius surrounding the site that encompasses the Fitzwilliam town center to the northwest and extends into the edges of the adjacent towns of Jaffrey and Rindge on the north and east, respectively. The topography is relatively low in elevation, ranging from approximately 300 feet to 360 feet with variations between low points along the waterways and around the ponds and high points on hilltops. The numerous hills in the project area create limited views of the surrounding landscape. The project site is heavily forested. Agriculture was an important economic engine in the project area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, largely aided by the railroad. The project area contains two village centers, industrial properties along waterways and dammed bodies of water, and scattered farmsteads and residential properties. This document is a tool to assist in survey efforts. Survey recommendations outside of the parameters for this project have not been verified by the DHR and would need to be assessed for future projects.

☒ ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: 14,280

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: N/A

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: N/A

BOUNDARY: 2-mile area around proposed solar installation

SURVEYOR: PAL

FOLLOW-UP: Notify appropriate parties.

Final DOE approved by:

MLC



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ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT TABLES

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has developed this tool to assist in the assessment of effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If a project has the potential to alter characteristics that make a property historically significant, that project is considered to have an “adverse effect.” Adverse effects can be direct or indirect, and include all immediate and reasonably foreseeable effects to the property (<http://www.achp.gov/usersguide.html>).

The project proponent must gather, use and attach the following supporting materials to each resource’s assessment of effect. Complete the appropriate table(s) to summarize each assessment.

NARRATIVE; Keep each section brief, yet informative:

- 1) Description of the Property
- 2) Significance Statement (including National Register Criteria)
- 3) National Register Boundary description
- 4) Relationship of the Project to the Property
- 5) Effect Evaluation Justification
(If finding is Historic Properties Affected complete section 6 below)
- 6) Adverse Effect Evaluation Justification

GRAPHIC MATERIALS; In addition to the above narrative, the following must be attached:

- 1) Maps showing the resource and the relationship to the project. Maps must include photo locations and the National Register Boundary.
- 2) Photographs. Photographs can be imbedded in the document but must be clear and in focus. Photographs are to be supportive of the Recommended Finding showing how the property relates to the project and vice versa (not simply just a head on photograph of the resource). Photographs are meant to provide justification of the recommended finding. Images should demonstrate both presence and absence of effect, as appropriate.
- 3) Photo-simulations, as necessary. Photo-simulations can be very helpful in understanding the relationship of the project to the historic resource. Photo-simulations are not required for every evaluation, but may be used when they clearly support the recommended finding.

TABLES: Complete the “Results of Effect Evaluation” Table 1 by providing a brief evaluation of the undertaking in the “Evaluation” box. Based upon this evaluation, provide a recommended finding of No Historic Properties Affected or Historic Properties Affected. If the recommended finding is Historic Properties Affected, complete “Results of Adverse Effect” Table 2 by briefly addressing each section (i-viii) in the corresponding “Evaluation” box. Provide a recommended finding of No Adverse Effect or Adverse Effect based upon the highest level of effect evidenced in sections i-viii.

PROJECT TITLE, TOWN/CITY, RPR #

**RESULTS OF EFFECT EVALUATION FOR
(Name and Address of Property)**

DEFINITION OF EFFECT	EVALUATION
An effect may occur when there is alteration to the characteristics of a historic property qualifying it for inclusion in or eligible for the National Register as defined in 36 CFR Section 800.16(1).	
RECOMMENDED FINDING (No Historic Properties Affected or Historic Properties Affected – Complete Table 2 if Historic Properties Affected)	

PROJECT TITLE, TOWN/CITY, RPR #

**RESULTS OF ADVERSE EFFECT EVALUATION FOR
(Name and address of Property)**

CRITERIA OF ADVERSE EFFECT

An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

Example of Adverse Effects, pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.5(a)(2)	Evaluation
(i) Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property;	
(ii) Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access, that is not consistent with the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and applicable guidelines;	
(iii) Removal of the property from its historic location;	
(iv) change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic features;	
(v) Introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;	
(vi) Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration, except where such neglect and deterioration are recognized qualities of a property or religious and cultural significance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization; and	
(vii) Transfer, lease, or sale of property out of Federal ownership or control without adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property's historic significance.	
(viii) Other:	
RECOMMENDED FINDING (No Adverse Effect or Adverse Effect)	

*Please limit table to one page