#### **Brox Environmental Citizens** Working to Protect Wetlands & Wildlife at Special Places

December 3, 2020

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

RE: Petitions requesting consideration of applicability of Chapter 162-H and certificate requirement to Milford Spartan Solar, a 16-megawatt proposed project in the Town of Milford

Dear Chairwoman Martin & Members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

Brox Environmental Citizens, a grassroots group of citizens in the Town of Milford, is pleased to submit the enclosed petitions requesting that the Site Evaluation Committee (S.E.C.) consider the applicability of RSA Chapter 162-H and the certificate requirement to the proposed Milford Spartan Solar's 83-acre, 16-megawatt, utility-scale solar array [the "Project"].

This submission of two petitions is in accordance with RSA 162-H:2,XII whereby the S.E.C. may determine that the 16-megawatt project requires a certificate if requested by at least two petitioners. The S.E.C. may also make the determination to require a certificate based on its own motion, which action is supported by Brox Environmental Citizens. A filing fee is exempted for the petitioners under RSA 162-H:8-a,IV.

The two petitions with signatures certified by the respective town clerk offices are <u>enclosures 1 and 2</u>.

Petition #1 is signed by 119 registered voters in the Town of Milford, the host town. The town clerk's note of certification is found at the bottom of page 1 of 17 of enclosure 1.

Petition #2 is signed by 104 registered voters in four towns abutting Milford, namely, Amherst (25), Brookline (1), Hollis (23) and Wilton (55). The respective town clerk's notes of certification, and one email in the case of Brookline, are found in <u>enclosure 3</u>.

The combined 223 registered voters who signed are people of different opinions: some favor solar energy in general while others disagree with solar energy in general, and some people favor the Milford Spartan Solar project in particular and others disagree with the construction of Milford Spartan Solar. What these 223 different-thinking individuals all have in common is that each of them would like the S.E.C. to review the Project comprehensively as only the S.E.C. can do. They signed because they believe that such a review for a required certificate would be for the public good.

The remainder of this letter with attachments is intended to provide important context for the S.E.C.'s consideration of petitioners' request.

#### Description and Location of the Project:

The Project located wholly in Milford is a 16-megawatt solar array called Milford Spartan Solar that is 47% on Milford's town-owned land and 53% on adjacent land owned by Not Too Dusty LLC. This corresponds to 36 acres of public land and 47 acres of private land [the "Site"]. The energy would be connected to the existing powerline.

The location is west of downtown Milford, south of the Route 101 Milford Bypass, east of Brookview Drive, west of Osgood Road, and north of Mason Road, as shown on the sketch on page 6. For reference, the address of nearby Heron Pond School is 80 Heron Pond Road, just southwest of the Project Site.

#### The Developer:

The solar development company is Granite Apollo LLC that was formed in 2017. It is a subsidiary of Olivewood Energy LLC, a solar farm developer working with communities in the northeast and New Hampshire that was formed in June 2018. Their website is <u>www.olivewoodenergy.com</u>.

The contact information for Olivewood Energy/Granite Apollo [the "Company"] is Dominic LeBel, Project Developer, Olivewood Energy, 114 N. Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Concord, NH 03301, <u>Dom@Olivewoodenergy.com</u>, (603) 565-5170.

The Company expects Milford Spartan Solar to be operating commercially in late 2022, approximately two years from the date of this letter. The Company also has a 75 MW solar project in the planning stages in the towns of Webster and Hopkinton and plans to submit an application to the S.E.C. in 2021.

#### More about the Site:

The 83 acres consist of forests, wetlands, vernal pools, wetland complex, open field, and farmland (hay); and are inhabited by numerous state-listed rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species, documented in the natural resources inventory ("NRI") of the Town's Brox Property that includes the public portion of the Site. The NRI was prepared for the Milford Conservation Commission in 2015. These rare wildlife species are further documented in several DataCheck reports issued by the Natural Heritage Bureau of NH.

The public side of the Site abuts the 37-acre pond that is home to a great blue heron colony. Heron Pond Elementary School is named after it.

The Site is the northern portion of hundreds of contiguous, undeveloped acres, except for one active 10-acre gravel operation to the southeast and one closed gravel operation to the south.

The Site is a Groundwater Protection Area Level 1, as described on the map of the Town's groundwater prepared by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission dated 10/24/02. See

https://www.milford.nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4701/f/uploads/groundwater\_protecti on\_area\_oct\_02.pdf

The New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan's habitat scoring map shows that the 83 acres is <u>all</u> Highest Ranked Habitat *in the Biological Region*, within which are areas identified as Highest Ranked Habitat *in all of New Hampshire*, the highest ranking of wildlife habitat as determined by the scientists. See https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/maps/wap/milford8x11scoring.pdf

#### Present Uses of the Site:

The Site has an extensive, long-established and popular network of recreational trails used by hikers, cyclists, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers. Hunters and wildlife watchers are also frequent visitors to the Site. Numerous wildlife photographers of all skill levels visit the Site, attracted by Heron Pond and the variety of wildlife.

A portion of the Site is used as a haul road by the active sand and gravel operation located on an adjacent off-site lot.

The farmland portion is harvested for hay.

Wild animal species, including common ones and those that are rare, threatened or endangered, use the Site and the area around it extensively. Birch Brook that runs through the Site is a safe travel corridor for wildlife. The Site's adjacency to Beaver Brook Association's conservation land expands the safe-haven for wildlife.

The Site is part of a three-year scientific study of threatened and endangered wildlife species and their use of the habitat. Year 2020 is the third year of the study being conducted by biologists in the NH Fish & Game Department's Nongame & Endangered Wildlife Program. As of December 3, 2020, no report has been issued.

#### Status of the Solar Project:

On May 19, 2020 the Company presented the conceptual plan to the Milford Planning Board and the Milford Zoning Board of Adjustment. The meeting packet and the accompanying conceptual plan are provided as <u>enclosures 4 and 5</u>,

respectively. The status details provided by the Company are as follows: letter of intent signed with the Town in November 2018; lease option was signed with the Town in September 2019; and a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement was approved with the Town in February 2020.

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Per the Company's most recent quarterly report dated September 23, 2020, the Company informed the Town that "the Project has completed wetland delineations, the vernal pool survey, initiated consultation with state agencies, and created a preliminary layout intended to prevent impacts. The Project has been granted a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, completed a Conceptual Review with the Planning Board, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Town on permitting-related matters." [enclosure 6]

The Company has not publicly discussed its agreements with Not Too Dusty LLC, the private landowner, nor discussed the due diligence that may have been accomplished. Publicly there exists a lack of information about the private 53% portion of the Project.

#### Benefits to the Public of an S.E.C. Review:

The S.E.C. would be able to evaluate the sufficiency of the financial, technical, and managerial capabilities of the Company.

Determine whether the Project interferes with orderly development of the region.

Evaluate what adverse effects there might be to aesthetics, such as visibility of the solar array from the nearby Heron Pond Elementary School.

Evaluate what impacts there might be to the recreational trail network and impacts to the trails themselves that fall within the 83-acre Site. The Company has noted that trails may need to be relocated.

Evaluate the impacts to air and water quality from large-scale deforestation; that is, the loss of trees, shrubs and other vegetation that sequester carbon and cleanse water.

Evaluate the effects on wetlands of solar panels that would be installed on both sides of Birch Brook and its associated wetlands. Birch Brook is designated as a second order stream in the Town's zoning ordinance that is given a 50-foot buffer.

Evaluate the effects on vernal pools and vernal-pool-dependent wildlife, as well as the overall functioning of the wetland complex of interrelated and interdependent uplands and wetlands. Evaluate what impacts there would be to the sensitive habitat of populations of three documented significant wildlife species, state-listed, that inhabit the Site – the Blanding's Turtle, the Spotted Turtle, and the Eastern Hognose Snake.

In closing, because assessment of the broad range of impacts of the proposed Project reaches beyond what the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (as a consulting agency to NHDES) can evaluate on their own, the petitioners respectfully request that the S.E.C. require a certificate to be able to conduct a much more thorough review of the Project as allowed under law.

Let me know if you would like additional information and documentation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

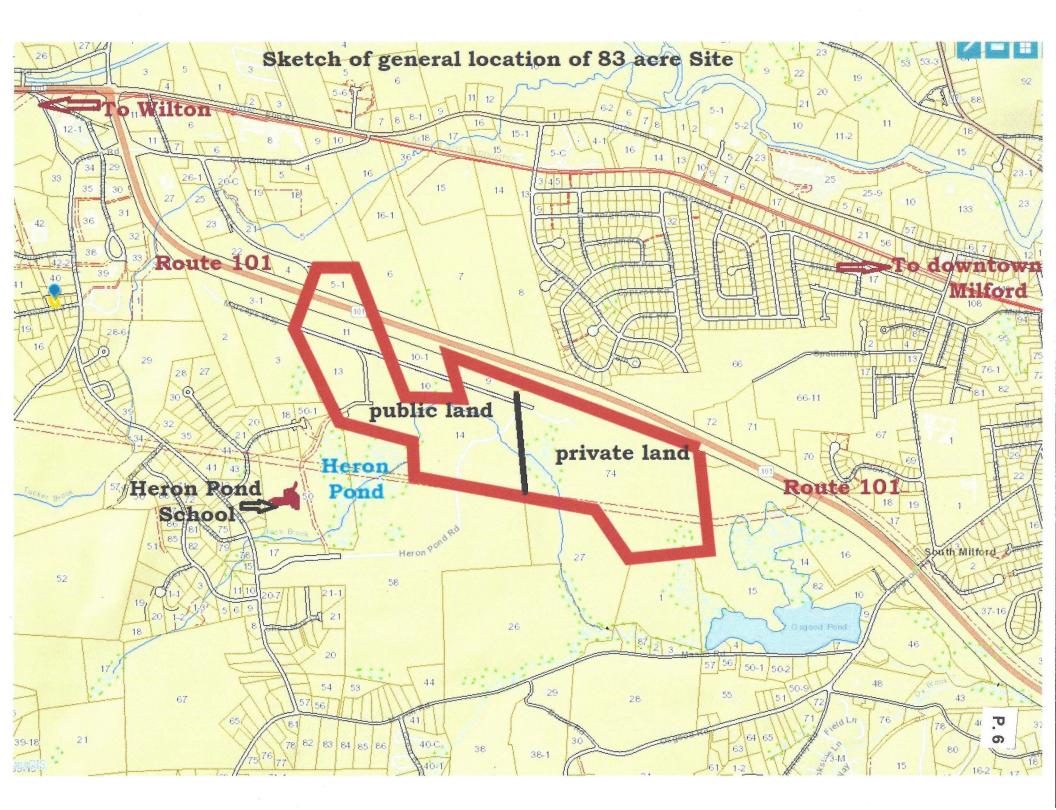
Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- 1 Petition #1 signed by certified registered voters in Milford
- 2 Petition #2 signed by certified registered voters in towns abutting Milford
- 3 -- Notes of certification of town clerks in abutting towns of: Amherst, Brookline (email), Hollis and Wilton.
- 4 -- The Milford Planning Board's Conceptual Review packet for discussion of the construction of 16 Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility utilizing 83.05 acres of the 221 leased acres, 5/14/20; Milford Spartan Solar, LLC, Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and Map 39 Lot 74.
- 5 Olivewood Energy's Conceptual Review presentation to the Planning Board, May 19, 2020
- 6 -- Olivewood Energy's Quarterly Update Regarding Permitting Progress, 9/23/20



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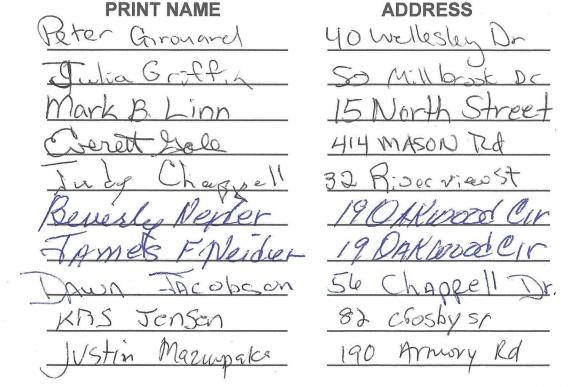
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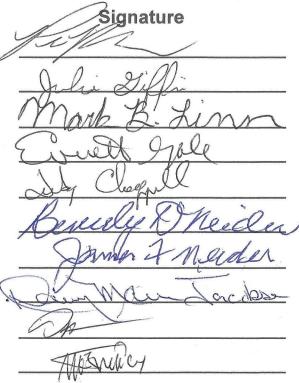
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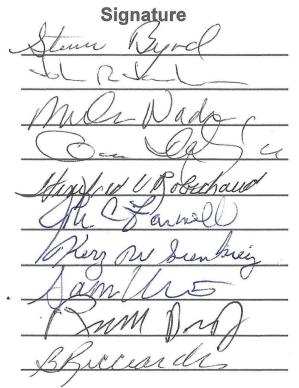
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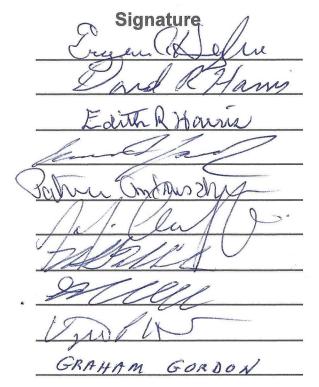
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# Dropping off petition this AM -- Request certification of Amherst residents' signatures on a petition

From: SFournier - B.E.C. <broxenvironcitizens2@comcast.net>

- To: Lavern Fucci <lfucci@amherstnh.gov>
- Bcc: SFournier B.E.C. <broxenvironcitizens2@comcast.net>

Tue. 11/24/20

Hello LaVern Fucci.

Amherst Town Clerk's Office

As you indicated, I am dropping off the original petition this morning (Tuesday November 24) around 10:00 AM for certification.

The 25 petition names and signatures are found on 12 sheets that are numbered lightly in the top right corner as pages 1 and 2, and 21 through 30.

Thank you for your assistance with getting the petition certified with the help of the checklist supervisors. The petition is time-sensitive, so I am hoping to get it back soon.

I look forward to hearing back from you when the certified petition is ready for pick up. Please email M Hunt 25 h Jass M Hunt 25 h Jass M Hunt 25 h Jass me or call 673-7389.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely yours,

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Suzanne Fournier 9 Woodward Dr. Milford, NH 03055-3122 (603) 673-7389

----- Forwarded Message -----From: Lavern Fucci <lfucci@amherstnh.gov> Date: 11/23/2020 11:14:56 AM

----- Forwarded Message ------From: Patti Howard-Barnett <patti@brooklinenh.us> Date: 9/15/2020 12:50:32 PM Subject: RE: [Brookline NH] Request for one voter's ID # (Sent by Suzanne Fournier, BroxEnvironCitizens2@comcast.net) To: BroxEnvironCitizens2@comcast.net <broxenvironcitizens2@comcast.net> ENC.3 P.2004

Brian Tyrrell's voter ID # is 164039759

Patricia Howard-Barnett Town Clerk/Tax Collector P.O. Box 336 Brookline, NH 03033 Phone: (603) 673-8855 x4

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V registered Hollis Voter X Amanda Chapman registered with a different last name Per Lapa D Chive Hollis Town Clerk

11/23/2020

Tue. 11/17/20

Dear Jeannette Vinton, Wilton Town Hall

Thank you for helping me yesterday on the phone with my question of certification of the petition signed by Wilton registered voters. As I mentioned, the petition is to a state agency (i.e. the NH Site Evaluation Committee).

Therefore, I am enclosing the pages with the original petition signatures of 56 Wilton residents for your review. They are found on 19 pages (numbered lightly in the top right corner as P. 2 through P. 20). Covid was a factor in the process of obtaining signatures, as you can imagine.

This morning I will be placing the petition pages in the dropbox outside of Town Hall before 8:00 AM.

Let me know if you any questions.

Thank you very much for your review of the signatures and your certification. Because of your certification the state agency will have confidence in the petition signatures.

I look forward to hearing back from you when the result is ready for pick up.

Sincerely yours,

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Suzanne Fournier 9 Woodward Dr. Milford, NH 03055-3122 (603) 673-7389

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I have initialed next to the Witton registered Voters, and have marked (flagged) those who are not residents or are. Not registered voters. Melissa Johnetz Deputy Clerk / Collector.

# **TOWN OF MILFORD**

Office of Community Development Planning • Zoning • Building Safety • Code Enforcement • Health Economic Development • Active Projects

ENC.4 P.10F5

#### **Administrative Review**

Date:	May 14, 2020	
To:	Doug Knott, Chair, Planning Board	
	Jason Plourde, Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment	
From:	Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director	
Subject:	Milford Spartan Solar, LLC., Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and Map 39 Lot 74. Conceptual Review to discuss the construction of 16 Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility utilizing 83.05 acres of the 221 leased acres.	

The applicant is before the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment for a conceptual discussion involving the construction of 16 Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility utilizing 83.05 acres of the 221 leased acres. The Planning Board and Board of Adjustment shall discuss the application in conceptual form and only in general terms with the applicant. No formal decisions can be made. A conceptual review shall not bind either the applicant or the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment. In reviewing the files for this property, I offer the following comments:

1. Existing Conditions:

Map 39, Lot 74 - Not Too Dusty

- a. The subject property is approximately 101 acres with more than 200 linear feet of frontage on the Class VI section of Perry Road. The property can be found between Birch Brook on the west and Osgood Pond on the east. It is bounded on the north by the Rte. 101 Bypass, and to the south by other large, mainly undeveloped tracts, lying between the subject property and Mason Road. The property is encumbered by a cross country electric utility right of way approximately 100' wide, running east west across the southern portion of the Property.
- b. The property is undeveloped and comprised of open fields, forested lands, and wetland resource areas. The property provides access to the abutting earth removal operation on lot, Map 42, Lot 10 (residential lot).
- c. Access to the property is by way of the Class VI section of Perry Road with no direct access to Route 101.
- d. Property is zoned Residential 'R'.

Town Hall – 1 Union Square – Milford, NH 03055-4240 – (603) 249-0620 – FAX (603) 673-2273 TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 website: www.milford.nh.gov

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#### Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 - Town of Milford

- a. The subject properties are approximately 119.62 total acres with varying linear frontage on the Class V and VI sections of Perry Road. The properties are entirely zoned Integrated Commercial-Industrial 2 (ICI-2).
- b. North of the Rte 101, the town owned properties are bounded by industrial uses and undeveloped land. South of Rte. 101, the properties abut the Brox Community Lands and the Not Too Dusty property.
- c. All of the Town properties are undeveloped and contain both upland and wetland resources areas.
- The applicant proposes to construct a 16 Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility on land it will lease from Not Too Dusty, LLC, Tax Map 39, Lot 74 and on land leased from the Town, identified on Town Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 as a single integrated facility.
- 3. Of the 101 acres of the subject property, the applicant's plan calls for 47.27 acres to be utilized as part of the solar collection system. Of the 119.62 acres of Town Land, Milford Spartan Solar's plan calls for 35.78 acres to be utilized as part of the solar collection system. In total, the applicant has options to lease 220.62 acres, and proposes to utilize 83.05 acres, or 37.64% in support of the solar system.
- 4. The project is currently before the Board of Adjustment seeking a Variance from the Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article VII, Section 7.11.4 to permit a portion of the 16 Megawatt Utility scale solar collection system be constructed on a parcel located in the Residential 'R' Zoning District.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 7.11.4.A, the proposed 16 Megawatt Utility scale solar collection system is a permitted use requiring a Condition Use Permit and Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board.



## APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN & CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL

CONTACT INFORMATION			
<u>Property Owners(s):</u>	Name: Not Too Dusty, LLC Address: 320 Mile Slip Rd, Milford, NH		
	Telephone Number:   Fax:     Email Address:		
Applicant: (if different from above)	Name:       Milford Spartan Solar, LLC         Address:       114 N Main St, 4th Floor, Concord, NH 03301		
	Telephone Number: (603)565-5170       Fax:         Email Address: Milford Spartan@olivewoodenergy.com		
Engineer/ Surveyor/ <u>Architect:</u>	Name:Address:		
	Telephone Number:    Fax:      Email Address:		
TYPE OF APPLICA (Please check all that apply)	TION       X       Discussion - Informal meeting with Planning Board.         Minor Site Plan – Less than 600 sq. ft. of additional exterior construction.         Major Site Plan         Design Review Plan         Prinal Plan         Request for Waiver of Site Plan Review         Request for Waiver of Specific Site Plan Requirements         Conditional Use Permit         Other (i.e. amendments and/or revisions)		

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(s)	ZONING DISTRICT: ICI2 & R TOTAL SITE AREA: Approximately 83 acres	
Please see	attached project description	
v: <u>Milf</u>	ord Spartan Solar, LLC	-

INSTRUC	UCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLETE APPLICATION (Please read carefully)		
For an applica Department o	ication to be scheduled on the next available Planning Board agenda, the following items <u>MUST</u> be submitted to t of Planning & Community Development by close of business on the officially posted submittal date:	the	
Γ 1.	1. Completed and signed SITE PLAN APPLICATION FORM and ABUTTERS LIST. The application will not be placed on the Planning Board agenda unless all required signatures are on the application. The owner <u>MUST</u> sign the application form.		
<b>2</b> .	<ul> <li>Three (3) full size and one (1) 11" x 17" prints of the site plan or site plan set. At least one (1) plan <u>MUST</u> be signed by the owner. All applicable information as described on the attached SITE PLAN CHECKLIST <u>MUST</u> be shown on the plans. Owner's signature must be on at least one (1) plan, indicating his/her knowledge of the plan and application.</li> </ul>		
Ξ 3.	<b>3.</b> Application fee and Abutter Mailing Fees. These fees will be determined at the time you turn in the application. Fees are based on square footage of new construction and number of certified mailings, which must be sent. All checks are to be made payable to the Town of Milford.		
AUTHOR	DRIZED SIGNATURES		
Owner(s):	mer(s): I/We, as owner(s) of the property described hereon, certify that this application is correctly completed with all required attachments and requirements in accordance with the Site Plan Regulations for the Town of Milford. I/We also authorized members of the Milford Planning Board and its agents to access the property described on this application for on-site review of the proposed site plan.		
	Name (please print) and Title Date		
IF APPLICAB	ABLE:		
Owner(s) authorization for Applicant or Agent to represent the application: The applicant or agent, as stated hereon, has authorization from the property owner to submit this site plan application and represent the property owner on matters relative to the Town site plan approval process.			
	Owner's Signature Date		
Applicant's Signature:			
rippirouni o ore	I acknowledge, as the applicant stated hereon, that this site plan application has been completed and submitted in conforma applicable Town of Milford regulations, and that I am the designated representative for the property owner on matters rela plan application.	ance with all tive to this site	
	Applicant's Signature Date		
Agent's Signature (someone other than the Owner or Applicant who is representing the project): I acknowledge, as the agent stated hereon, that this site plan application has been completed and submitted in conformance with all applicable Town of Milford regulations, and that I am the designated representative for the property owner on matters relative to this site plan application.			

SITE INFORMATION

LOCATION: Tax Map Number\_\_\_

ROAD FRONTAGE ON: Perry Road BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

NAME OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED PLAN:

Agent's Signature

\_Lot(s)\_

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Date

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#### Milford Spartan Solar, LLC Project Description

Parcels 39-74, 38-9, 38-11, 38-12, 38-13, 38-14 (The Property) are located off of Perry Road, in zones ICI2 and R, and until 2020 Town Meeting Day, would have fallen under the Commerce and Community Overlay District. The Property is located near the geographic center of Milford. It is bounded on the north by the Rte. 101 Bypass, and to the south by other large, mainly undeveloped tracts, lying between the Property and Mason Road. The Property is encumbered by a cross country electric utility right of way approximately 100' wide, running east-west across the southern portion of the Property.

Milford Spartan Solar, LLC (the "Applicant") is before the Planning Board to discuss a Conceptual Review Application of a 16 Megawatt Solar Collection System and related equipment (the "Project") totaling approximately 83 acres in area. Access to the Property would be off of Perry Road.

The Applicant has previously met with the Select Board a number of times, receiving approvals of a Land Lease Option Agreement on 119.62 acres of Town land, and a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) agreement. The Applicant intends to meet with the Town of Milford's Zoning Board of Adjustment on May 21, 2020 in regards to a Variance Application for the siting of a portion of the project on the land in the R zone. The applicant is seeking comments, feedback, and insights regarding the Project in advance of the Variance Application Hearing.

In addition to detailing the proposed improvements, the Applicant will seek input from the Planning Board regarding the next steps in the regulatory approval process and any other recommendations to assist the Applicant if they decide to move forward with a formal application in the future. A conceptual review/discussion shall not bind the Applicant or Planning Board.



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# Milford Spartan Solar Conceptual Review

Planning Board Meeting, May 19th, 2020



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# **Overview:** Project

#### **Description**:

- A proposed 16mw solar farm:
  - Developed on Town and private land, utilizing ~83 of ~221 acres (approximately 36 and 47 on Town and private land, respectively)
  - Located in a developed area all land previously under Commerce and Community Overlay District, abuts two gravel pits, and state highway
  - Generation equivalent to electricity use of ~8,800 people
- Olivewood is a solar farm developer working with communities in NH and the Northeast.
- Olivewood is currently completing study, design and outreach activities to target an in-service date of late 2022.

#### **Benefits:**

- Generate up to \$6.3 million and \$3.2 million in lease and PILOT payments, respectively over the life of the project
- Requires no new infrastructure and minimal to no town services
- Opportunities for recreational and town uses ~70% of the Town land would continue to be controlled by the Town during the lease
- Avoid approximately 0.5 million tons of CO2 emissions; equivalent to planting ~ 1,620 acres of trees over the life of the project
- Opportunities for construction jobs and other local economic development

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# History: Working Closely With the Town

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- Letter of Intent (LOI) with Town signed November 2018
- Town Meeting Day approvals of the lease negotiations and solar ordinance March 2019

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- Lease option with Town signed September 2019
- PILOT agreement approved February 2020

## **Tonight's Meeting:**

- Introduce the project to the Milford Planning, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Boards
- Receive feedback in advance of the Variance Application Hearing and future Site Plan Review

## **Moving Forward:**

- Town will continue to control project approvals:
  - Variance Application to be heard by Milford ZBA on 5/21
  - Additional approvals required for Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit application processes to follow

# Solar Farm Design: Will Meet Standards Set in the Milford Zoning Ordinance



**Safety:** Will coordinate with the Town during site plan review (e.g. fencing requirements and site access for emergency responders)

Setbacks: Will comply with or exceed requirements

- Wetland Setback: 50 feet and 25 feet from Birch Brook and other wetlands, respectively.
- Parcel boundary setbacks: 30 feet and 15 feet from front and other sides, respectively

Post-construction: Will include native species consistent with solar farm use

**Noise:** Little to no additional sound expected, with equipment to be at or below noise requirements, and set back from property boundaries

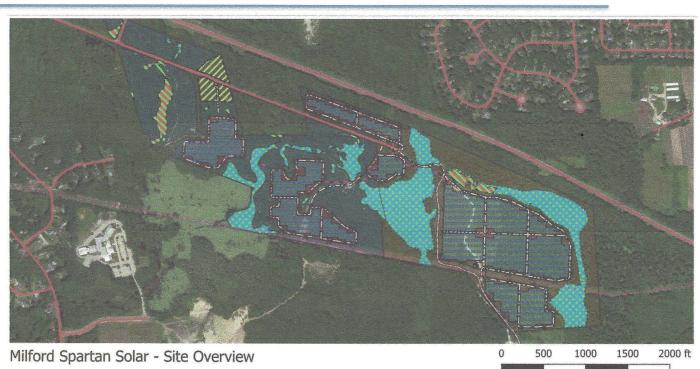
Visual: Will be screened principally by preserving existing trees and vegetation.

**Siting:** Locating a significant portion of the project on adjacent private land eliminates many potential impacts on the Town land

# Preliminary Layout: Feedback and Insights?



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#### **Project Layout**

- Preliminary Panel Areas
- 722 Temp. Construction Laydown
- Preliminary Fenced Area
- Inverter Skids
- Interconnection Equipment Pad
- Project Access Roads
- ---- Project Transmission Lines

Existing	Infrastructure

- ----- NH Public Roads
- --- Existing 34.5 kV Transmission
- Town Parcel Boundary
- Private Parcel Boundary
- Environmental
- Delineated Wetlands
- Screened Wetlands

Milford Spartan Solar, LLC Olivewood Energy LLC Layout Version v3.6 05/19/2020

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# Questions

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- Email: <u>Dom@Olivewoodenergy.com</u>
- Phone: (603) 565-5170
- Address: 114 N. Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Concord, NH 03301
- Website: www.olivewoodenergy.com



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September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Town of Milford Attn: Town Administrator 1 Union Square, Milford, NH 03055 *Via* email: JShannon@milford.nh.gov

#### Re: Quarterly update regarding permitting progress.

Dear Mr. Shannon,

This letter is Milford Spartan Solar, LLC's (the "Project") quarterly update regarding progress in obtaining necessary permits in connection with the Solar Farm to the Town of Milford pursuant to section 1.g in the Land Lease Option and Lease Agreement dated September 23, 2019 (the "Lease Option").

The Project has completed wetland delineations, the vernal pool survey, initiated consultation with state agencies, and created a preliminary layout intended to prevent impacts. The Project has been granted a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, completed a Conceptual Review with the Planning Board, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Town on permitting-related matters.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603)565-5170, or Dom@Olivewoodenergy.com.

Best Regards,

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Dominic LeBel Project Developer Olivewood Energy, LLC