

## Candlewood Solar – Community Relations Summary to Date

For the past 18 months, the Petitioner and the site developer, New Milford Clean Power, have worked closely with the Mayor of New Milford, David Gronbach, and numerous town boards to publicize the Project, solicit input and feedback on project elements, and develop a structured tax agreement with the town. The results of this close collaboration are as follows:

- Execution of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement with the town of New Milford that will generate over \$2.7 M in revenue for the Town over 20 years. The PILOT Agreement also has a number of provisions that were incorporated to provide protection and assurances to the Town with regard to the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Facility. They include:
  - Provision of surety bonds by the petitioner for roads and infrastructure, erosion and sedimentation control, and landscaping. These bonds will provide additional assurance to the town that necessary infrastructure repairs, erosion control measures, or landscaping to address impacts will be covered by the project.
  - Provision of a decommissioning plan and decommissioning bond (in forms as required or suggested by the Council) to cover Facility removal costs at the end of the project.
  - Provision of other plans as required by the Council, including a Development and Management plan and storm water management plan.

- O Planting of shade tolerant grasses
- O Consultation with a State of Connecticut certified forester with regard to the methods to be used for clearing of areas for the array
- Understanding the public's concerns with regard to visual impacts from the Facility. The Facility will be surrounded by a significant tree buffer, and with its elevated location relative to the surrounding area, will have very low to no visibility to surrounding residents and areas.
- Letters of support from the Mayor of New Milford and the Economic Development Director for New Milford .
- Collaboration with the New Milford Forest and Farmland Preservation Committee ("NMFFPC ") to address their concerns. The NMFFPC issued a memorandum on December 11, 2016 listing requested actions for the project development team to consider. These actions will be considered and implemented as appropriate in coordination with the NMFFPC and the Council.
- Plans for New Milford Clean Power, LLC to work with local non-profit conservation groups to establish a permanent conservation easement for a substantial segment of parcel 26/67.1 not being used for solar.

In a public forum conducted by the project development team on December 7, 2016, and in presentations to the New Milford Town Council on January 9, 2017 and February 13, 2017, the project and its impacts were described and public comment was received. An initial simulation of the view of the project from candlewood mountain road was provided in the

January 9, 2017 public hearing. A detailed view shed analysis has been conducted as part of this petition and is included in the Environmental Assessment prepared for the Project by Amec.