

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Nathaniel Vandal <nvandal@greenpeaksolar.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 6:18 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Chris Cadwell
Subject: RE: Solar Developer Contact

Valerie,

I hope you are well and that things are a little less busy with Town Meeting Day behind us. I am writing to let you know that we filed our Petitions for Certificates of Public Good for the solar and battery storage projects on March 1. In an effort to make it a little easier for you, below is a link to the full filings and the Town will also receive a hard copy as well.

[Bristol BESS Storage Project Petition](#)

[Bristol Solar Project CPG Petition](#)

Based on feedback from the Planning Commission and Energy Committees we included some proposed language in our filing to address a request by the Planning Commission for a post construction site visit to assess whether any screening may be beneficial as well as a request from the Energy Committee that we share production data from the solar project for educational purposes, but of which we were happy to do. The specific language can be seen in Exhibit BSP-NV-4 – Project Commitments.

If there is anything else that we do to be helpful, please let us know. The offer always stands to present to the Selectboard, or host a site visit at anytime. Additionally, we are happy to help walk you through any questions the Town may have about the Section 248 process and will keep you up to speed with any changes that may come about.

Best regards,

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Valerie,

It sounds like a very busy time of year and we certainly don't want to distract from other important work. Thank you for getting back to me.

Regarding the town's role, we are interested in any feedback that the Selectboard has about the project that we could incorporate into our design and our CPG filing as well as to address any concerns that members might have. For example, while we don't believe that screening would be beneficial for this project, if that is something the Selectboard would like, we would be willing to incorporate it into our design.

All that said, there will be ample opportunity within the CPG process to incorporate any comments or requests the Selectboard may have and we are happy to make ourselves available during that process to come back and present.

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From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Nathaniel Vandal <nvandal@greenpeaksolar.com>
Cc: Chris Cadwell <ccadwell@greenpeaksolar.com>
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Hi Nathaniel,

The Feb. 22 Selectboard agenda is now quite full. The next meeting would be a special meeting on March 1, the primary purpose of which would be 2nd of two pre-Town Meeting public information meetings. There is no telling how long that could take, though there may be space on that agenda. The next one after that would be March 15.

Can you please remind me what role the Selectboard would have?

Thanks,

--Valerie

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From: Nathaniel Vandal <nvandal@greenpeaksolar.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
Cc: Chris Cadwell <ccadwell@greenpeaksolar.com>
Subject: RE: Solar Developer Contact

Valerie,

I hope you are well and that you are enjoying all of the snow! I wanted to reach out to see if there is a time in the next few weeks that we might be able to get on the Selectboard Agenda to follow up on the 45 Day Notice that we shared in January. We would plan on walking the town through a short presentation and open things up to question and answer. As an aside, Kris Perlee has also put us on the agenda to present to the PC on the 16th, and we presented to the Energy Committee on January, 20th. Please let me know your thoughts and if there is any additional information that we can provide.

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From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Nathaniel Vandal <nvandal@greenpeaksolar.com>
Cc: Kris Perlee <zoning@bristolvt.org>; Sally Burrell <sallybinvt@gmail.com>; Katie Raycroft-Meyer <katieraycroftmeyer@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Solar Developer Contact

Hi Nathaniel,

Kris Perlee will handle the Planning Commission agenda logistics.

I hope all is going well,

--Valerie

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From: Nathaniel Vandal <nvandal@greenpeaksolar.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>; Sally Burrell <sallybinvt@gmail.com>; Katie Raycroft-Meyer <katieraycroftmeyer@gmail.com>
Cc: Kris Perlee <zoning@bristolvt.org>
Subject: RE: Solar Developer Contact

Valerie and Chris,

I hope that you are well. I spoke with Katie Raycroft-Meyer and I was hoping to reach out to see if it would be possible to put us on the Agenda for a presentation to the Planning Committee at their next meeting on February 16. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do to help facilitate.

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Hi Sally and Katie,

See the information below and attached from Nathan Vandal regarding a proposed solar project on the Lathrop plateau. He called and stopped by recently to inquire who within the Town might be interested to know about it or that they should meet with to address any local concerns. I suggested he send along information about the project and we would go from there. Feel free to follow up with him directly.

Thanks!

--Valerie

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To: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
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Valerie,

Thank you very much for taking the time to speak with me last week and offering to put us in touch with the Energy Commission. As requested, please receive this email with more detail about who Green Peak Solar is and the proposed solar array.

Green Peak Solar was founded by Chris Cadwell and Nathaniel Vandal in 2012 and based in Waitsfield. We have developed many projects on their own and in conjunction with Green Mountain Power over the past decade. Green Peak would be happy to provide references upon request.

The proposed project site was selected for basic construction feasibility based on a number of factors outlined below:

- The site is less than one mile from Green Mountain Power's substation on Hewitt Road and the lines that run along south street are large enough to accommodate the project without any upgrades.
- The project site is flat and has good solar exposure for generation.
- There are no wetlands, rare, threatened or endangered species or necessary wildlife habitat identified when selecting the site, confirmed by a Natural Resource assessment performed by the environmental consultants in October.

In addition to the construction feasibility screen, the site was selected from other alternative locations because it will have minimal aesthetic impacts to the Town and nearby residences. The project parcel is located on top of a relatively steep bank, which shields the project area from view from the South Street, Pumphouse Road and Lower Notch Road, Hewitt Road, and Lovers Lane. During the winter, the site is intermittently visible from Route 17, however these views are obscured by the existing vegetation along the north and west sides of the site which help to limit visual access to the project, even during leaf off conditions.

The project was awarded a power purchase agreement to sell the electricity and environmental attributes it generates to Vermont utilities through the State's Standard Offer Program. The project was the lowest priced bid in 2020 and represents a new achievement for low priced renewable energy in Vermont. The project is 2.2 MW AC in size and will consist of will consists of approximately 29 varying length rows of ground-mounted solar panels in racking that is fixed to the ground through a driven pile foundation. The rows will be oriented north-south and will rotate east to west every day to track the sun and maximized energy production. Attached is a preliminary site plan, showing the location of the proposed equipment. Except for a narrow right of way to bring power to the site, we are proposing to leave all of the existing vegetation in place to help screen the project from view. Green Peak is considering adding battery energy storage to the project which would further enhance the value of the project's renewable energy by providing for additional resiliency and energy independence to Vermont's renewable future.

When the project reaches its end of life, the project will be decommissioned, and the site restored to the same condition that it is in today. Under the Section 248 permitting process with the Public Utility Commission, the project will be required to place an irrevocable standby letter of credit from a bank, to ensure there are funds available to decommission the project and restore the site when it permanently ceases operation.

As always, please feel free to reach out directly to me with any questions and please share my contact information with anyone who has questions about the project.

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From: Nathaniel Vandal
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