BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR 11 RYE STREET BROAD BROOK, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

1. <u>TIME AND PLACE OF SPECIAL MEETING</u>

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at East Windsor Town Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Robert Maynard, First Selectman Steve Dearborn, Deputy First Selectman Jason Bowsza, Selectman Andy Hoffman, Selectman Charlie Szymanski, Selectman William Herchel, Verogy Bryan Fitzgerald, Verogy Patrick McGloin, Verogy

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

4. DISCUSSION OF SOLAR PROJECT ON THRALL AND EAST ROADS

William Herchel, Bryan Fitzgerald and Patrick McGloin representing Verogy (a solar energy company), presented the Board of Selectmen with a hand out (Attachment A). Mr. Herchel led the discussion that centered on a solar farm Verogy proposed to build on farm fields in the Eastern portion of East Windsor, specifically on Thrall Road and Middle Road as shown on Page 7 of the attachment. The solar farm would cover approximately 100 acres of land. The solar panels would be grouped in five groupings, one grouping would be in Ellington and four groupings in East Windsor. The solar panels would be attached to the ground with fixed poles. Another anchor method might be used depending upon the ground conditions. The solar panels have a thirty-five-year life span. The output of the solar panels decreases with time. Verogy would lease the land for twenty years and then decommission the land. There was discussion of possible bonding to insure proper decommissioning occurs. The solar farm would produce about 27 Mega Watts DC power or 19.5 Mega Watts AC power. Each grouping would be connected by conduits and would go to a collection point which would be built and owned by Eversource.

State statutes cover the construction of the solar farm. The Connecticut Siting Council would have jurisdiction regarding environmental standards.

There was discussion of the taxes the solar farm would pay the Town. Verogy proposed a fixed annual tax and suggested a figure of \$140,000 a year. The cost of construction of the solar farm would be approximately \$40,000,000 dollars. Steve Dearborn suggested the tax should be higher.

MOTION made (Maynard) and **SECONDED** (Hoffman) to adjourn. **All in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maynard



East Windsor Solar One Thrall & East Road East Windsor, CT

2019/2020



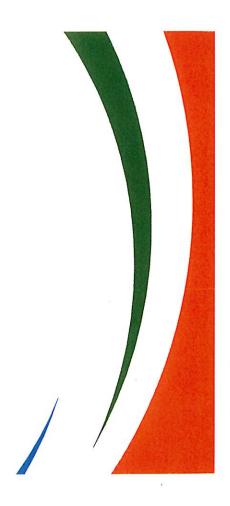


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Our Company: Who We Are



A vertically-integrated solar developer, delivers comprehensive solutions for commercial and utility-scale solar energy projects throughout the United States.

COMPANY PROFILE

Established:

2017

Staff:

6 co-founders

Industry Experience:

50+ years combined

Total MW's Developed:

250+

Project Capital Raised:

> \$600MM

Corporate Equity Raised:

\$5MM

- Verogy's founders successfully developed and sold one of the largest commercial solar portfolios in the United States
- Following the portfolio sale in 2017, Verogy's founders set off to repeat and improve upon this success with a focus on expanding the commercial solar and small utility solar market
- Our team has been successful designing and executing solar power projects for some of the most widely recognized brands in the world.

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	TARGET	Walmart 🌟	amazon	EVERS@URCE
Projects Originated	220	40	8	3
MW's Originated	97 MW's	14 MW's	22 MW's	31.23 MW's

Our Company: What We Do





Solar PV 101

Solar Infrastructure

- · Solar Panels (Modules)
- Solar Module Racking Systems
- Inverters
 - Converts DC Electricity to AC Electricity
- Switch Gear & Transformers
 - · Protection & Controls
- · Energy Meter
 - Meters the amount of electricity produced by the Solar PV system and delivered to the Utility Grid
- Utility Infrastructure
 - Electricity is delivered to the circuit that connects to the substation

Solar Energy 101

- Solar energy systems do not produce air pollutants or carbon dioxide
- Solar Energy Fuel Source
 - · Solar PV Modules convert sunlight directly into electricity



East Windsor Solar One: Project Vision

Enough Electricity to Power



3,969 Average Homes Annually

The Equivalent of



26,461 Metric Tons of CO2 Emissions Offset Annually



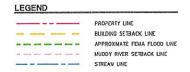
685,770 Tree Seedlings Grown for 10 Years

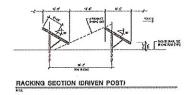
- East Windsor Solar One is a <u>19.25 MW AC</u> Solar PV project located at Thrall and East Road in East Windsor
 - The fixed-tilt ground-mounted array will be located on an already cleared portion of land with significant set-backs from any abutters.
- East Windsor Solar One was submitted into the DEEP Procurement for Zero Carbon Generating Facilities and intends to sell 100% of its electrical production to the CT utility companies (Eversource and UI).

East Windsor Ellington

East Windsor Solar One : Site Map

LLEN &	ITEM	PROPOSED	
1	TOTAL WATTAGE	27.49 MW DC 19.25 MW AC	
2	PANEL TYPE	370 W	
3	TOTAL PANELS	74,304	
4	TOTAL INVERTERS	154	
5	PANEL TILT	30.	





East Windsor Solar One: Public Outreach

Verogy is executing a proactive development strategy that includes public outreach and engagement with local and state officials and East Windsor community members

Example Abutter Letter



Example Fact Sheet



Example FAQ / Q&A



This site was selected because of its particular <u>environmental</u> <u>topographical</u>, <u>interconnection</u>, and <u>location</u> characteristics

Environmental

- The site is located on land that is pre-cleared and not located on core forest, helping to minimize tree-clearing
- The array itself will not impact any wetlands and appropriate setbacks have been drawn into our site design

Topographical

 No more than 10% of the array location or interconnection path will impact topographies of greater than 15% slope—an important factor in ensuring stormwater and erosion controls

Interconnection

• The site has close proximity to its electrical delivery point (~ 3.0 circuit miles from the substation) further limiting impacts

East Windsor Solar One: Site Selection Criteria

Location

 The array was designed to be as non-impactful as possible to any abutting property owners, and to the existing environmental features of the site.



East Windsor Solar One: Project Benefits

- Increasing Electrical Grid Reliability While Decreasing Electricity Costs
 - · Long-term fixed price contracts benefit local rate payers
 - Local Demand Reduction during Peak & Performance hours
 - Results in reduced LMP pricing for local energy consumers
 - · Zero reliance on outside fuel sources
 - Oil & Gas
- Strengthening Local Renewable Energy Resources
 - Zero-Carbon Emission Generating Resource
 - · No Local Impact / No Local Emissions
- Increasing Municipal Tax Revenues
 - Increase Annual Tax Revenues with no additional burden
- Growing New Jobs
 - · Energy infrastructure investment in East Windsor
 - Temporary and potentially permanent job creation in East Windsor



Closer Look: Job Creation

East Windsor Solar One will create quality jobs in the region

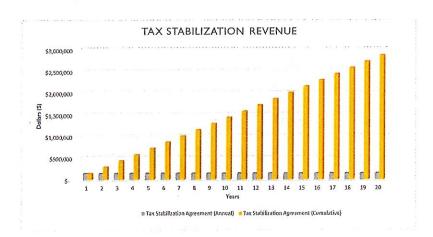
- Two Full-Time Management Positions Project Manager and Asst. Project Manager
- 106 Construction and Installation Positions

 - Professional Positions at Highly Competitive Wages
 Licensed Electricians maintain the system for the assets useful life
- Connecticut based company investing in East Windsor Infrastructure
 Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

 - · Grid Modernization



Closer Look: Increased Tax Revenues

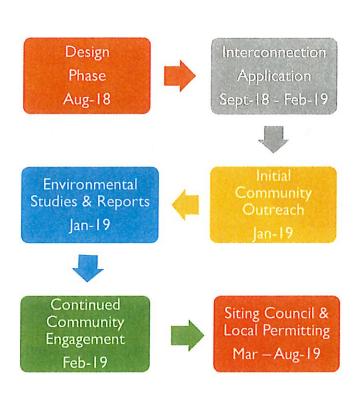


Increase East Windsor Tax Revenue with Little to No Draw on Existing Town Resources

- No Traffic Congestion Concerns
- No Burden on Public School System
- No use of other East Windsor Public Resources or **Facilities**

Pre-Solar Tax Revenue versus Post-Solar Tax Revenue

- Pre-Solar Cumulative Tax Bill for all three parcels per year (2017) • ~\$16,127
- Proposed Post-Solar Tax Revenue for all three parcels per year (2020 - 2040)
 - ~\$142,750



Project Schedule & Next Steps

Verogy is committed to keeping East Windsor officials and residents informed on the project and its progression through development

- · Design Phase has been completed
- Interconnection Application is submitted. Eversource is currently conducting a Feasibility Study
- · Initial Community Outreach Plan is underway
- Environmental Studies are being arranged to take place on site in the new year
- Continued community engagement will occur as we move through final system design and environmental study process
- · Connecticut Siting Council Package Development
 - · Construction General Permit / Storm Water Permit
 - · Erosion Control Measures
 - Local Permitting
- Detailed project schedule is available as an attachment

Ways to Reach out



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