

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

May 20, 2021

Lee Morrison
AMP Solar Development
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RE: AMP Solar Development, ASD Leverett West MA Solar LLC, Leverett Road (Parcel ZF-15), Shutesbury, MA.
MHC #RC.69745.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) submitted for the project referenced above and the MHC's files.

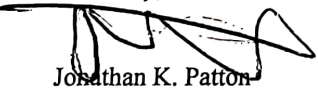
As you know, the project referenced above is one of six solar development projects (Parcel ZW-6, RC.69689; Parcel ZG-2, RC.69688; Parcel ZU-2, RC.69744; Parcel ZD-37 North of Carver Road, RC.69646; and Parcel ZD-37 South, RC.69747) proposed by AMP Solar Development in Shutesbury. Because of the cumulative impacts generated by these projects, they may require review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The MHC recommends that project planners consult with staff at the MEPA office to ascertain whether or not MEPA review is required. The PNF also indicates that the project requires a NPDES General Construction Permit from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the Walter Tenney house (MHC #SHU.44) is in proximity to the project area north of Leverett Road. Historical maps show a 19th century sawmill located along Roaring Brook within and/or adjacent to the project parcel. Portions of the project area are archaeologically sensitive for having small, special purpose ancient sites and for historical period sites associated with water-powered industry along Roaring Brook. Evidence of agricultural and other types of early industrial activities may also be expected. Areas that are generally flat, well-drained, and close to fresh water and wetlands may have archaeological deposits and features.

When scaled project plans are developed showing existing and proposed conditions, including access routes and construction staging areas, please provide the information to the MHC for review and comment. Plans should be sized to be no larger than 11" x 17".

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). Please contact me if you have any questions or require any information.

Sincerely,


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