



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Lee Morrison
AMP Solar Development
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RE: AMP Solar Development in Amherst, Shutesbury, and Pelham, MA:
ASD Shutesbury MA Solar LLC, 0 Shutesbury Road, Parcels 9B-11, 9B-12, and 9D-27, Amherst, MA.
MHC #RC.69691;
ASD Pratt Corner East Solar LLC, 0 Pratt Corner Road, Parcel ZW-6, Shutesbury, MHC #RC.69689;
ASD Pratt Corner East Solar LLC, 0 Pratt Corner Road, Parcel ZG-2, Shutesbury, MHC #RC.69688;
ASD Leverett West MA Solar LLC, Leverett Road, Parcel ZF-15, Shutesbury, MHC #RC.69745;
ASD Pratt Corner Road South MA Solar LLC, Pratt Corner Road, Parcel ZU-2, Shutesbury, MHC
#RC.69644;
ASD Montague MA Solar LLC, South Annex, South of Carver Road, Parcel ZD-37 South, Shutesbury,
MHC #RC.69747;
ASD Montague Road MA Solar LLC, Montague Road and North of Carver Road, Parcel ZD-37 North,
Shutesbury, MHC # RC.69746; and
ASD Tower MA Solar LLC, off Tower Road, Parcel 41-1, Pelham, MHC #RC.69690.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed Project Notification Forms (PNFs) submitted for the projects referenced above. The MHC has received scaled project plans submitted by TRC for the solar project proposed in Amherst (RC.69691).

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 PNFs also indicated that the projects require a NPDES General Construction Permit from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

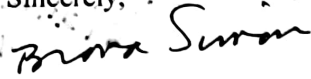
To assist in the comprehensive historic and archaeological resource identification efforts for the proposed solar projects, the MHC requests that an archaeological reconnaissance survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted for the solar projects referenced above in Amherst, Shutesbury, and Pelham. The purpose of the survey is primarily to develop archaeologically sensitivity assessments for each of the project impact areas, and to provide recommendations for intensive (locational) archaeological survey, if any, within archaeologically sensitive project impact areas.

The results of the survey will provide information, and recommendations for further intensive (locational) archaeological survey, if any, to assist in consultation to consider alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant historic and archaeological resources. A State Archaeologist's Permit (950 CMR 70.03) is required to be obtained for the investigations. The surveys should be conducted by a qualified professional archaeological team with experience in the Connecticut River Valley region of Massachusetts.

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These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800) and M.G.L c. 9, ss. 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). If you have any questions or require any information, please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,



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