



Date: 09/24/2020

To: Hopkinton Planning Board  
Thayer House  
482 Main St. 2nd Floor  
Hopkinton, RI 02833

Subject: Amendment to An Approved Plan-Palmer Circle II Solar  
Project Location: 41 Palmer Circle Hopkinton, RI 02833

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

This letter is in regards to the approved solar project located at 41 Palmer Circle Hopkinton, RI currently under construction. Navisun is asking for an amendment to the attached approved plans dated March 19, 2019 by ESS Group. On 8/21/20 a site walk was conducted between Navisun and members of the Hopkinton Planning Department Jim Lamphere and Talia Jalette. The objective of the site visit was to examine the existing vegetation screening in relation to the street view from Palmer Circle. The vegetation in the original design was to be removed and replaced with new plantings. Navisun has determined that a fair amount of the proposed clearing is not required for the project to be successful. The conclusion of the meeting was leaving the existing vegetation screening in place was adequate along Palmer Circle and the southern abutter "James Palmer's" property to achieve the desired screening. All parties believed the next proper step was to contact the Planning Board and request approval for the items listed below.

**Item 1:** Please reference the attached plans dated March 19, 2019. *Sheet C-1* calls for a 25' landscape buffer as well as existing vegetation to remain along the area abutting Palmer Circle. The "Landscaping Plan" *Sheet L-1* further details the proposed plantings for the approved design. It is in Navisun's opinion that the existing vegetation between the 60' front yard setback and the edge of Palmer Circle adequately screens all elements of the project. Our question for the Planning Board is whether the removal of the existing vegetation is necessary when proposed plantings will be placed in the same area.

**Item 2:** Please reference the attached plans dated March 19, 2019. *Sheet C-1* calls for a 7ft high chain link fence with privacy slats. Navisun is asking the Planning Board for relief on the installation of privacy



slats along the perimeter of the site fence. As stated above it is in Navisun's opinion that the existing vegetation adequately screens the project from all abutters and therefore deems the need for privacy slats unnecessary.

It is our priority for all existing and future neighbors of the project to have proper screening. Navisun invites all members of the Planning Board to the proposed solar site to view the existing vegetation. Provided below are photos from the site walk conducted on 08/21/2020. We would be happy to discuss this request with the Board at a public hearing or site visit if required. I can be reached at [stephencampbell@navisunllc.com](mailto:stephencampbell@navisunllc.com) or at 781.422.907.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Campbell".

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Managing Director  
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Cc: File



*Figure 1- Existing screening facing southern abutting property*



*Figure 1- View facing Palmer Circle from site*



*Figure 2- View from corner of site facing Palmer Circle.*