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July 22, 2021

Mr. Jim Lamphere, Town Planner
Planning Department
Thayer House
482 Main St.
Hopkinton, RI 02833

**Re: Request to Amend Development Plan Review Approval – High Street Solar
95 High Street
Assessor's Plat 4 Lot 2, Hopkinton, RI
ESS Project No. O209-001**

Dear Mr. Lamphere,

On behalf of High Street Solar, LLC, ESS Group, Inc. respectfully requests to amend the approved High Street Solar project (the Project), which was submitted on January 30, 2018 and approved by the Planning Board on February 7, 2018 and construction plans, dated September 13, 2018, approved by the Building Official on November 30, 2018. Please find enclosed a \$100 application fee as well as ten copies of planting plans and a memo, dated July 22, 2021, prepared by Terraink, Inc.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to mitigate excessive clearing that occurred along High Street, south of the driveway, during site preparation. The project team has worked with the Town's peer reviewer, Crossman Engineering, to develop the robust planting plan proposed.

Please contact me at 781-419-7726 or JGold@ESSgroup.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
ESS GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Gold".

Jason M. Gold, P.E.
Manager, Civil/Site Engineering

C: Cheyne Matheny, Blue Ridge Power
Kellie Anne Connelly, Terraink

Enc.



Memo Date: 22 July 2021
Project: 21010 | High Street Solar
Distribution: Cheyne Matheny; PG Renewables
 Jason Gold; ESS Group, Inc.
 Kellie Anne Connelly; Terraink
 Jade Cummings; Terraink
Prepared By: Kellie Anne Connelly

Comments:

Per the Crossman Engineering Peer Review Letter; dated 16 July 2021 Terraink has made the following updates to the Screening Planting Plan for the High Street Solar site:

- I. High Street Solar; Screen Planting Plan dated 23 July 2021:
 - A. Terraink added the following plant materials to the Screening Planting Plan to respond to CE comments #1 and #3:
 1. New (3) *Fagus grandifolia*; American Beech – 7'-10' height whip
 2. New (3) *Nyssa sylvatica*; Black Tupelo – 2"-2.5" caliper B&B
 3. New (2) *Quercus bicolor*; Swamp White Oak – 7'-10' height whip
 4. New (12) *Sambucus canadensis*; Elderberry - #3 Container
 5. New (12) *Ilex glabra* 'Compacta'; Compact Inkberry - #3 Container
 6. Additional (5) *Spiraea latifolia*; Meadowsweet - #3 Container
 7. Additional (4) *Rhododendron maximum*; Rosebay Rhododendron – 2'-3' ht. B&B
 8. Additional (54) *Hemerocallis fluva*; Orange Daylilies - #1 Container
 - B. Per comment #2, the seed mix was previously changed to NE Wildflower Mix in the 26 May 2021 Drawing; therefore, no change is required.
 - C. Terraink has completed the Planting Detail sheet for this final submission that includes the appropriate references to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Development (the "*Blue Book*") regarding soils, seeding, and watering the new plantings.