



August 19, 2019

Mr. John K. Farrell, Jr., Chairman
Fairhaven Planning Board
Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Community Solar Project - 46 Charity Stevens Lane (Bylaw Section 198-29, 6.F15)

Dear Chairman Farrell and Board members,

Clean Energy Collective, LLC ("CEC") is pleased to submit this Special Permit application for a proposed 2MW +/- community solar project to be developed on property owned by The Haskell Family Revocable Trust and located at 46 Charity Stevens Lane. Included below is a project summary and description of some of the benefits associated with the proposed solar project.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The property consists of approximately 50 acres of land located at 46 Charity Stevens Lane. The property includes the Haskell family residence as well as Haskell Nursery, Inc. a local family owned nursery and landscaping business that grows, sells and installs plant materials, including trees, shrubs, and flowers for residential and commercial customers. The rent paid to the Haskell's will help support the continued operation of this small business in Fairhaven.

The solar project will be situated on two separate portions of the property on approximately 11 acres of land. A Notice of Intent application will be filed with the Fairhaven Conservation Commission for the proposed project. There will be limited tree cutting done in connection with the solar project. The facility will include approximately 7,000 ground mounted panels. Electric service will be provided by EverSource (NSTAR). Power generated from the community solar facility will be marketed and sold to residential customers and businesses in Fairhaven through CEC's "Roofless Solar" program. Tax revenue generated from the project is estimated to be \$20,000-\$35,000 annually. This land is zoned RR and currently classified as "61A" for tax purposes. The Haskell's have sent a land withdrawal and conversion notice to the Town, as required by Chapter 61A. If approved and constructed, this project will generate both increased real estate taxes as well as new personal property taxes to the Town. The land, when removed from 61A. will be subject to a rollback tax payment to the Town of Fairhaven.

CLEAN ENERGY COLLECTIVE, LLC:

CEC is excited about the opportunity to develop another community solar project in Fairhaven and looks forward to presenting information to the Planning Board about our company and the project and answer any questions you may have - now and throughout the process.

As the name implies, Community-Shared Solar, otherwise known as "Roofless Solar," is designed to benefit the entire community. Residents, businesses and the Town itself can all benefit from hosting a community solar project. Clean Energy Collective's Roofless Solar program allows any rate-payers in Fairhaven the opportunity to participate in the generation of clean renewable solar power.



Clean Energy Collective (CEC) pioneered the community solar model and the ability to provide clean power-generation to *all* utility customers. Unlike other developers, CEC will operate, monitor and maintain the project for optimum performance and minimum impact to our neighbors. Additionally, with corporate offices in Auburn, Mass., we prefer to use local contractors to build and support our projects throughout the Commonwealth.

Roofless Community Solar is a good neighbor:

No Hazardous Emissions - In fact, there are no emissions at all from solar power generation.

No Health Risks - There are no health risks created by solar panels or the related equipment.

No Noise Pollution - Solar projects have no audible noise beyond the project boundary. There are no motors, turbines, or ongoing deliveries.

No Added Traffic Congestion - Unlike retail or commercial operations, once an array is complete, projects are visited only a handful of times per year.

No Special Fire Risks - Solar panels and their associate support structures are not combustible.

No Impact on Land and Drainage - Natural grasses thrive and water flow is uninhibited within community solar projects.

No Visual Obstruction. Solar is low profile, proving unobstructed views of the surrounding area.

No Security Risk. Fenced, and representing little value to criminal activity, a renewable power facility represents a safe and secure neighbor.

Tax revenues for the Town. Community solar boosts tax revenue with minimal use of Town services.

Finally, CEC is delighted to learn that, as a "Green Community," Fairhaven has been awarded a \$174,000 grant due to its support of renewable energy projects and sustainability initiatives. CEC's proposed community solar project will generate clean energy in the community, help offset carbon emissions and allow customers to "go green" without incurring the cost of installing solar panels on their property.

We look forward to addressing any questions you may have about our proposed development plans and appreciate your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Paul Foley, Planning & Economic Development Director

PROJECT SUMMARY

FOR

46 Charity Stevens Lane

August 23, 2019

Clean Energy Collective (“CEC”) proposes to build a 2 MW+/- community solar facility on approximately 11 acres of land owned by The Haskell Family Revocable Trust, located at 46 Charity Stevens Lane. David Haskell and his family live on the property, which consists of approximately 50 acres of land, zoned Rural Residential. The Haskell’s also own and operate a small family business, Haskell Nursery, Inc., at the property. This business sells landscaping and plant materials, including trees, shrubs, and plants, to residential customers, as well as to landscape designers, installers and commercial contractors. Haskell Nursery, Inc. will continue to operate at the property after the solar array is constructed.

The property is classified as “Chapter 61A” for real estate tax and assessment purposes. The Haskell’s intend to remove approximately 11 acres from the 61A classification and have sent the Town of Fairhaven a withdrawal and conversion Notice, in accordance with Chapter 61A. A rollback tax payment will be made to the Town of Fairhaven when the property is removed from 61A.

The arrays will be situated on two separate areas of the property. A security fence will surround the arrays. There will be limited tree cutting done in connection with the solar project. A Variance has been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the project. The project will require an Order of Conditions to be issued by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission. The project will include approximately 7,000 ground mounted panels. Access and utility service to the site will be from Charity Stevens Lane. Electric service will be provided by EverSource (NSTAR). Construction of the project is expected to take approximately 90-120 days. CEC will maintain the system in accordance with the Operations & Maintenance plan submitted with this application. A Decommissioning Plan and Surety Bond will be provided to ensure the system is properly removed from the property. Power generated from the community solar facility will be marketed and sold by CEC to residential and business customers in Fairhaven through CEC’s “Roofless Solar” program. Tax revenues generated from the project are estimated to be \$25,000-\$40,000 annually. The proposed community solar project will not impact Town resources (water, sewer, schools), and will generate clean renewable energy that will greatly benefit our environment.

Finally, if approved, this community solar project will enhance the Town’s designation as a “Green Community” and directly support Fairhaven’s efforts to support investment in renewable energy projects that further its clean energy goals.

Haskell Family Revocable Trust
c/o David Haskell
46 Charity Stevens Lane
Fairhaven, MA 02719

July 12, 2019

Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Removal of property from M.G.L. c61A classification and notice of intent to convert

Dear Chairman Murphy,

We own approximately 50 acres of land located at 46 Charity Stevens Lane, Fairhaven, Massachusetts (the "Property"), further described in the attached Assessor's Map 40, Lot 8. We intend to remove approximately 11+/- acres of the Property (the "Premises") from its current M.G.L. c61A classification. The Premises is more specifically described on the attached plan ("Lease Premises Plan dated July 9, 2019").

We intend to convert the Premises for use in connection with a solar facility pursuant to a 25 year lease to Clean Energy Collective, LLC, a developer of solar energy generating facilities. Attached is a copy of the fully executed Land Lease Option Agreement.

Our point of contact at Clean Energy Collective is:

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Clean Energy Collective
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Thank you for your attention to this matter and please direct any further questions to my attention at the address above.

Sincerely,



David Haskell for Haskell Family Revocable Trust

Cc: Town Administrator
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation
Board of Assessors

Enclosures