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NY Alfred1, LLC Community Solar Farm SEQR determination.1 message

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Supervisor Acton :

The SEQR review clock is requiring a determination of significance (environmental impact statement) which is slated for this coming December Town Board Meeting. There has been significant review and resolution of several identified issues and questions regarding the 5 MW Solar Array proposal. There is one critical issue (Impacts from stormwater runoff)which has not been satisfactorily addressed and reviewers are not in agreement with the SEQR Forms part 1 and 2 and 3 which conclude there will be minimum impact from stormwater runoff. The applicant choosing of Scenario 1, results in dismissal of responsibility to insure stormwater impact mitigation post construction and for the life of the facility. Careful evaluation has identified numerous instances where the Stormwater Management SWPPP for the project, as proposed, is faulty. The project by definition is indeed subject to classification under Scenario 2 where more intensive analysis and actual design of measures are required in the SWPPP plan to insure safe conveyance of stormwater not only during but post construction.

It is therefore my recommendation that the SEQR Determination of Significance be that of a Conditioned Negative Declaration.

The primary Condition being that the Applicant comply with DEC Scenario 2 for development of a SWPPP covering during and post construction management of erosion and stormwater runoff from the site in accordance with the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manuel, dated January 2015.

The SEQR forms, summary conclusions and Resolution should be updated and edited to accurately reflect the identified concerns and conditions under SEQR.

Respectfully,

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Alfred Town Planning Board