



# TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

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Robert Stein, Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, CT

Dear Chairman Stein:

The New Milford Zoning Commission received notice that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the above referenced petition. The New Milford Zoning Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public informational hearing on July 25, 2017 to receive public input on this project. Any information and comments gathered at this hearing will be submitted to the Council as requested by July 31, 2017. Given the size, location, complexities, and potential local impacts associated with this project, including but not limited to, the loss of forestland and farmland, proximity to an airport and management of stormwater, the Commission is strongly recommending that the Council hold a formal public hearing on this application.

Should you have any questions please contact the Zoning Office at (860) 355-6095 or [zoning@newmilford.org](mailto:zoning@newmilford.org)

Sincerely,

William Taylor, Chairman, New Milford Zoning Commission, signing on behalf of himself and the following members of the New Milford Zoning Commission:

Sharon Ward, Vice Chairwoman

James Volinski, Secretary

Charles Bogie, Member

Robert DiMichele, Alternate

Copy: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director, Connecticut Siting Council; Craig Miner, Senator, 30<sup>th</sup> District; William Buckbee, Representative, 67<sup>th</sup> District.