

# MINOR SITE PLAN APPLICATION

### **City of Rochester, New Hampshire**

Date:	
Property information	
Tax map #:; Lot #	t('s):; Zoning district:
Property address/location:	
Brief project description:	
Property owner  Name (include name of individent	ual):
Mailing address:	
Telephone #:	Email address:
Applicant/developer (if dir Name (include name of individ	ferent from property owner) ual):
Mailing address:	
Telephone #:	Email address:
Engineer/surveyor/designame (include name of individent	ner (if applicable) ual):
Mailing address:	
Telephone #:	Email address:
Check one:	
<ul><li>Nonresidential project</li><li>Multi-Family Residential</li></ul>	☐ Home Occupation II or III project

Check all that apply:					
change of use	new building	☐ building addition			
new parking area	expansion of existing	parking area			
new signage;	exterior lighting	X other site changes			
Describe current use/natur	e of property:				
Describe proposed use/act	ivity:				
# parking spaces: existing	:; total propose	d:			
Current square footage of building; Proposed square footage of building					
City water? yes no _	; How far is City wat	ter from the site?			
City sewer? yes no _	; How far is City sev	ver from the site?			
If City water, what are the	estimated total daily needs	s? gallons per day			
Where will stormwater be o	lischarged?				
Number of existing dwelling	g units: Total nun	nber of proposed dwelling units:			
New building(s)?	Addition(s)/modificat	tions to existing building(s)?			
Describe current use/natur	e of property:				
Describe proposed use/act	ivity:				
# of parking spaces: existi	ng: total propos	ed:			
Hours of Operation:	Days of Operation:				
Number of employees:	Square footage to b	e used for new proposed use:			
Maximum Number of Pupils at one time (for classes):					

#### Comments

Please feel free to add any comments, additional information, or requests for waivers here:

Minor Site Plan Application associated with Non-Residential Site Plan Approval and Conditional Use Permit granted by the Rochester

Planning Board on Nov. 7, 2022 and amended on Aug. 7, 2023.

This application must be accompanied by the following:

- Site plan drawing with:
  - All building dimensions (including any additions, if applicable)
  - Parking areas or spaces with size, spaces, flow pattern, and drive aisles as applicable.
  - Location of proposed change of use/addition/home occupation.

### Submission of application & acknowledgement about process

This application must be signed by the property owner, applicant/developer (if different from property owner), and/or the agent.

I (we) hereby submit this Site Plan application to the City of Rochester Planning Board pursuant to the <u>City of Rochester Site Plan Regulations</u> and attest that to the best of my knowledge all of the information on this application form and in the accompanying application materials and documentation is true and accurate. As applicant/developer (if different from property owner)/as agent, I attest that I am duly authorized to act in this capacity. <u>I also acknowledge that this project could be referred to the Planning Board for a new, full Planning Board review at the request of any person after any Minor Site Approval and that I would need to renotify abutters in that case (in accordance with RSA 674:43 III).</u>

Signature of property owner:	On file with the Planning Department		
		Date: 2 - 8 - 707 /	
Signature of applicant/developer:			
		Date: 2-8-2024	
Signature of agent:	In Alexander	<b>,</b>	
	<b>√</b>	Date: 2/8/24	

### Authorization to enter property

I hereby authorize members of the Rochester Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Planning Department, and other pertinent City departments, boards and agencies to enter my property for the purpose of evaluating this application including performing any appropriate inspections during the application phase, review phase, post-approval phase, construction phase, and occupancy phase. This authorization applies specifically to those particular individuals legitimately involved in evaluating, reviewing, or inspecting this specific application/project. It is understood that these individuals must use all reasonable care, courtesy, and diligence when entering the property.

Signature of property owner:	On file with the Rochester Planning Department	
	Date:	

<u>Home Occupation</u>: An occupation or business activity which is conducted by a resident within his/her own dwelling or in a garage or barn-type outbuilding and which is clearly subordinate to the principal residential use. Home occupations are designated as Home Occupations – 1,2,and 3. (See Section 42.24 – Home Occupations)

Requirements for All Home Occupations. The following standards apply to all home occupations - 1, 2, and 3: (If any of these cannot be met, it will be deemed not an allowed use)

- 1. <u>On Resident's Property</u>. Home occupations shall be conducted by the individual on the property in which he/she resides.
- 2. <u>Inside the Dwelling</u>. All activity related to the home occupation shall be conducted inside the dwelling or inside a garage or barn-type outbuilding.
- 3. <u>Character</u>. Home occupations must be subordinate to the residential use and must have little or no impact upon the neighborhood. There must be minimal indication of the home occupation evident from the road or from neighboring properties.
- 4. <u>Retail Sales</u>. There shall be no retail sales of goods or products on the premises, except:
  - a. as may be incidental to the primary office or personal services occupation (such as sales of hair products to a salon customer);
  - b. for goods shipped pursuant to mail/email/telecommunication order;

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February 8, 2024

Shanna Saunders, Planning Director Department of Planning and Development City Hall Annex 33 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867-1917

Re: Case #240-49-A-22; Proposed Agrivoltaics Field; 60 Shaw Drive; Minor Site Plan Application.

Dear Shanna:

On behalf of Bayonne Construction Co., Inc., GNM Solar 17, LLC and Packy Campbell, we hereby submit plans and Minor application for their project located on Shaw Drive. This application is to allow the applicant to construct 5 solar trackers, the utility shed and a section of underground conduits from the electrical transfer switch station to a bunch of solar trackers in different locations than previously approved. The application is associated with the Non-Residential Site Plan approval with Conditional Use Permit granted November 7, 2022 and subsequently amended on August 7, 2023.

During installation of the 60 solar trackers over the past fall, the applicant and contractors determined that five (5) solar trackers were going to have undesirable amount of shading due to the proximity of tall trees on the abutting property. As such, they relocated these trackers to the northwesterly corner of the proposed development. The new locations also reduced the amount of electrical losses that would result from the approved location being so far from the electrical transfer station.

It was also determined during construction that the location of the approved Utility Shed would be better if closer to the electrical transformer and solar trackers. The applicant has installed a 30' x 20' concrete pad where a wood framed building will be placed. Although the previously approved plan depicted a somewhat smaller shed, there was no specific dimensions associated with it. However, after the approval was granted and a full electrical engineering design completed, it was determined that a utility structure needed to be larger to accommodate all of the electrical switch gear, etc. Be placing the switch gear and the 10 inverters inside the building, it avoided unnecessary security fencing and protection from the elements that would have resulted in placing them outside. The placement of the wood framed structure is further away from the Shaw Drive ROW and from any abutting properties than previously approved.

The original approval was to connect the solar trackers by installing the conduits in such a manner that required them to be installed around a figure of wetlands that bisects into the subject property. However, after consultation with the electrical engineers, the length of the loop would result in significant losses to the power capacity. Therefore, the applicant is seeking approval to install the conduits in a more direct path from the transformer switch station to the group of trackers.

This installation would require temporarily impacting the jurisdictional wetlands and the Conservation Overlay District. The overall temporary impacts to the wetlands would be approximately 375 square feet and the COD impacts would be approximately 375 square feet. Please refer to the attached Utility Plan Sheet.

The impacted areas will be restored back to their original condition once the installation is completed. Thus, within a growing season, there will be no evidence of this work being done. As depicted, temporary erosion control berm and silt sock will be installed to prevent silts and material from getting into the areas not being disturbed.

The temporary impacts in the wetlands will require an amendment to the NHDES Wetlands Permit, 2023-870. Furthermore, the impacted areas will be restored in accordance with NHDES Wetland Restoration Plan Approval file number 2022-00571.

We look forward to reviewing this request with the City staff at the next TRG meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

NORWAY PLAINS ASSOCIATES, INC.

By:\_

Scott A. Lawler, P.E., Project Engineer

Cc:

GNM Solar 17, LLC

Bayonne Construction Co., Inc.



