MEMORANDUM

TO: Delaware River Solar & Bergmann Associates (consultant team)

CC: Town of Alfred Town Board

FROM: Kathy Spencer, CEP, Principal Environmental Analyst

DATE: September 27, 2021

RE: Information Needs Outstanding for Jericho Hill Road Solar Project

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Based upon the discussions at September 9, 2021 Town Board meeting and subsequent conversations with the Town Supervisor and Special Counsel (Dwight Kanyuck of Knauf Shaw), LaBella has prepared this Memo to summarize outstanding information needed for our continuing review of the Jericho Hill Road solar project.

Note: LaBella provided a Memo to the Town Board with formal comments on the site plan application and SEQR environmental review on 9/2/21. Subsequently, Bergmann provided additional information on behalf of the Applicant in a letter via email, dated 9/7/21, but the information was not organized as a direct response to LaBella's 9/2/21 Memo. We therefore request that a formal response be made to all of LaBella's 9/2/21 comments, even if it involves repeating some of the additional information provided by Bergmann on 9/7/21.

<u>Outstanding Information:</u>

1. Formal response to comments in LaBella's 9/2/21 Memo.
2. Alternative Site Plan as requested by Town Supervisor and Town Board at 9/9/21 meeting, regarding relocating the solar array further down the slope, as an alternative to reduce total tree clearing.
3. Leaf off photo simulations in more standard format (showing leaf off for entire view not only within super-imposed "window"), as requested by Town Supervisor and Town Board at 9/9/21 meeting.
4. Information to address concerns discussed at the 9/9/21 Town Board meeting regarding issues of encountering bedrock during post-driving, including noise as well as structural stability (mitigation for posts bent or damaged during driving).
5. Supplemental landscaping information regarding a greater diversity of species mix, in order to minimize risk of plant loss possible when single species (monoculture) is proposed. This issue was a subject of discussion at the 9/9/21 Town Board meeting.
6. Supplemental information regarding the Tree Inventory Memo relative to the distribution and density of the trees > 6" dbh and an indication of the habitat value of this woodland (such information is necessary for the SEQR evaluation of potential impacts on vegetation, species,

and habitat.) Communication of this information can be initiated by a phonecall from LaBella to the author of the Tree Inventory, Rita Kozak.

LaBella is continuing to prepare the Parts 2 and 3 EAF as part of the SEQR process. Some additional questions for the Applicant or Bergmann will likely arise as we continue to investigate issues for which more detailed information or mitigation is identified. However, we continue to strive to complete the appropriate documentation of impacts and mitigation so that the Town Board can close SEQR at the November Town Board meeting. Finally, there is little progress LaBella can make at this time with regard to site plan review and approval, until the information, particularly in #1 above, is provided.