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**To:** [Jonathan F. Schultz](#); [jeffdewart@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdewart@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Joshua Baird](#); [Chloe Pruet](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 2:52:00 PM  
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Good afternoon all,

Would it be easier to send along out Site Safety plans for review? We're hoping to incorporate any feedback you may have into our application.

Thank you,

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### Mario Rice

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**From:** Mario Rice

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:50 AM

**To:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>; [jeffdewart@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdewart@gmail.com)

**Cc:** Joshua Baird <[joshua.baird@aes.com](mailto:joshua.baird@aes.com)>; Chloe Pruet <[chloe.pruett@aes.com](mailto:chloe.pruett@aes.com)>

**Subject:** RE: AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety

Good afternoon Gentleman,

Have we received any feedback on local emergency personnel on whether or not those dates would work?

Worst case, I'd be happy to meet with both of you to go over the site safety plans or send along for your review and comment.

Thanks,

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**From:** Mario Rice

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That works for me as well.

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Good Morning,  
January 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> in the evening or late afternoon will work for me.  
Thanks,

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**From:** Jeff Dewart <[jeffdewart@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdewart@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 1:28 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Cc:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>; Joshua Baird <[joshua.baird@aes.com](mailto:joshua.baird@aes.com)>; Chloe Pruett <[chloe.pruett@aes.com](mailto:chloe.pruett@aes.com)>  
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Hello all best dates to meet for me would be January 18-19th or January 25-26 th both would have to be late afternoon or early evening. Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2022, at 12:47, Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)> wrote:

Great, thank you.

Supervisor Dewart, is there a day in mid to late January or early February that would work?

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**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>; [jeffdewart@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdewart@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** Joshua Baird <[joshua.baird@aes.com](mailto:joshua.baird@aes.com)>; Chloe Pruett <[chloe.pruett@aes.com](mailto:chloe.pruett@aes.com)>  
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Good Morning,  
I am sure we can get something on the calendar with the agencies.  
Let me know what works best for the Town Supervisor and we can work to try to schedule around that.  
Thanks

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[jeffdewart@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdewart@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** Joshua Baird <[joshua.baird@aes.com](mailto:joshua.baird@aes.com)>; Chloe Pruett <[chloe.pruett@aes.com](mailto:chloe.pruett@aes.com)>  
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Mr. Schultz,

Hope all is well. I wanted to reconnect to see if there is a possibility of revisiting this meeting and setting up some time in the new year. I know schedules tend to get packed around the holidays.

It's important that we gain input from the local emergency services on our project as well as the county.

Thanks,

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**From:** Mario Rice

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Thank you Mr. Schultz. I came across the same issue when trying to set up meetings.

We're hoping to have our application submitted in November so we can likely push the meeting a couple of weeks if needed.

Thanks,

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Good Morning,  
Unfortunately we have not been able to get answers from the local fire departments yet on availability so I do not know that October 4<sup>th</sup> will work.  
I have been working to get their availability but have not had luck to date yet.  
Thank you,

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Good Afternoon Mr. Schultz,

Hope all is well. I just wanted to follow up on my previous email.

Please let me know if a meeting time and place has been decided upon. I want to make sure I keep Supervisor Dewart up to date on the scheduling of this meeting.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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**From:** Mario Rice

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**Subject:** RE: AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety

Good Morning Mr. Schultz,

I wanted to follow up to check in to see if a meeting time and place has been decided upon. There is a chance that I may not be able to make the meeting but I've copied my development colleagues on this email chain that would be able to attend the meeting in my absence.

Thanks,

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**From:** Mario Rice

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 4:37 PM

**To:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>

**Subject:** RE: AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety

October 4<sup>th</sup> would work best for me. I'll make sure to let the supervisor know.

Thanks again,

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**From:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 4:35 PM

**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>

**Subject:** RE: AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety

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How about October 4 or 5?

Can you also notify the Town supervisor of this in-person meeting?

Thanks,

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**From:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 4:33 PM  
**To:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>  
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Good Afternoon Mr. Schultz,

That is not a problem and happy to do it in person. Do you have an idea on when you'd like to hold the meeting?

I will be traveling for work the entire week of September 11<sup>th</sup> and also will be off from October 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> for my wedding.

Happy to make any other time work.

Thanks,

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**From:** Jonathan F Schultz <[Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com](mailto:Jonathan.Schultz@niagaracounty.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** AES Clean Energy - Somerset Solar - Public Health & Safety

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Mario,

I am requesting a change in meeting date and time.

I also would like to do this in person for the betterment of the Chief's and others I am trying to get to attend the meeting.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Mario Rice](#)  
**To:** [michaelflint@roadrunner.com](mailto:michaelflint@roadrunner.com)  
**Subject:** RE: AES Somerset Solar - Michael Flint - Town of Somerset Highway Superintendent  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:13:00 AM  
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Hey Mike,

No worries. I'll make sure to share any information related to road use with the Supervisor.

Thank you,

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**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 2:53 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: AES Somerset Solar - Michael Flint - Town of Somerset Highway Superintendent

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Hello Mario, sorry missed your call today I spoke with Supervisor Dewart about this matter and he informed me that He would be talking with you to answer any questions you may have about this project. Thats all I know right now. Thanks Mike Flint

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From: "Mario Rice"  
To: "michaelflint@roadrunner.com"  
Cc: "Joshua Baird", "Olivia Panno", "Sasha Kran"  
Sent: Monday August 15 2022 2:09:36PM

Subject: RE: AES Somerset Solar - Michael Flint - Town of Somerset Highway Superintendent

Hey Mike,

Just wanted to follow up on our scheduled phone call this morning.

Let me know a new date and time that works for you or feel free to give me a call at the number below whenever you are free.

Thanks,

**From:** [Mario Rice](#)  
**To:** [Bill Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Solar / Babcock House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:10:00 AM  
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Morning Bill,

Hope all is well.

Let me know if you have any time to touch base over the next week or so.

Also, below is a link to the public application documents. Let me know if you have any questions.

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-00026&CaseSearch=Search>

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**From:** Mario Rice  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

Hey Bill,

I wanted to reach out again to let you know that the application will be submitted this week. Do you know if the other members of the society have had a chance to take a look at the draft support letter we sent over?

Also, wanted to let you know that Marisa and Stephanie have both left the company over the last two months so I'll be working on determining who the best point of contact for you will be for sponsorships of events in the future. I think it will be great if we can help with the festival that is held in the fall or any events that are upcoming this summer.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Mario Rice  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:14 AM  
**To:** 'Bill Wilson' <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

Good Morning Bill,

Hope all is well. I just wanted to follow up to see if you have any further questions.

Also, wanted to let you know that we're expected to have the permit submitted no later than April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

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**To:** Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

Hey Bill,

That is correct. The plan is to create the carve out and amend the screening post permit submission.

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Hi Mario,

Our President, Terry Upton, replied that he didn't think the simulations for the west side had the carve out for parking in the field. I think you mentioned that was something that could be put in later. Is that correct?

Bill

On Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10:44:18 AM EST, Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)> wrote:

Thanks Bill. Let me know If anyone has any questions.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

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Thanks Mario,

I sent the pictures and sample letter onto the rest of the board. Waiting to hear back.

Have a good day.

Bill

On Friday, January 20, 2023 at 08:47:34 AM EST, Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Good morning,

I received a call from Mario Rice and he wanted to send some pictures of simulations of what the project will look like around the area we use now at the Babcock House.

He also asked me if the Historical Society would be willing to write a letter stating that AES has been willing to work with us so that we would be able to continue the property. I told him that since AES has been willing to work around us, we would be willing to do that. He sent me a sample of a letter to give us an idea of what he was looking for.

Take a look at the pictures and the letter. Give feedback as you see fit. Have a great day.

Thanks,

Bill

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**To:** Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 12:49:34 PM EST  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

Hey Bill,

Hope all is well. I've attached the visual simulations for the project for you to take a look at. Pages 1-7 are specific to the Babcock house. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.

Additionally, below is an example body of a support letter. Please feel free to make any edits or adjustments you see fit. Thank you!

***To Whom it may concern:***

***This letter is submitted on behalf of the Town of Somerset, NY Historical Society. The Historical Society is an organization that supports cultural preservation in our town and hosts numerous community and educational events each year. We are writing regarding the Somerset Solar Project located in the Town of Somerset. The proposed solar project is proposing to locate facility components on the Babcock House property near the former Somerset Coal Plant. AES has consulted with the historical society on a number of occasions over the last two years regarding the project and the potential impacts. AES has shared viewshed mapping and simulations. The Historical Society is pleased with AES' consultation and outreach efforts and appreciates the ongoing dialogue.***

***The Historical Society supports the Project and the efforts by AES and looks forward to the continued success of the Project. The project represents an important contribution to the State's climate goals and is consistent with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.***



*Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.*

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**From:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:35 AM  
**To:** Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

Morning Bill,

It's roughly around 2 acres or so and not final by any means. We'd like to take the time to sit down with you when we're in town and determine what makes the most sense for the historical society as well as our project. Definitely want to take a collaborative approach here.

Mario

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**From:** Bill Wilson <[billynne2@yahoo.com](mailto:billynne2@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:26:06 AM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Somerset Solar / Babcock House

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Thanks Mario,

I'm going to pass this on to other directors.

You mentioned it before, but remind me again. How many acres is the area in yellow to the west of the House?

Thank you again.

Bill

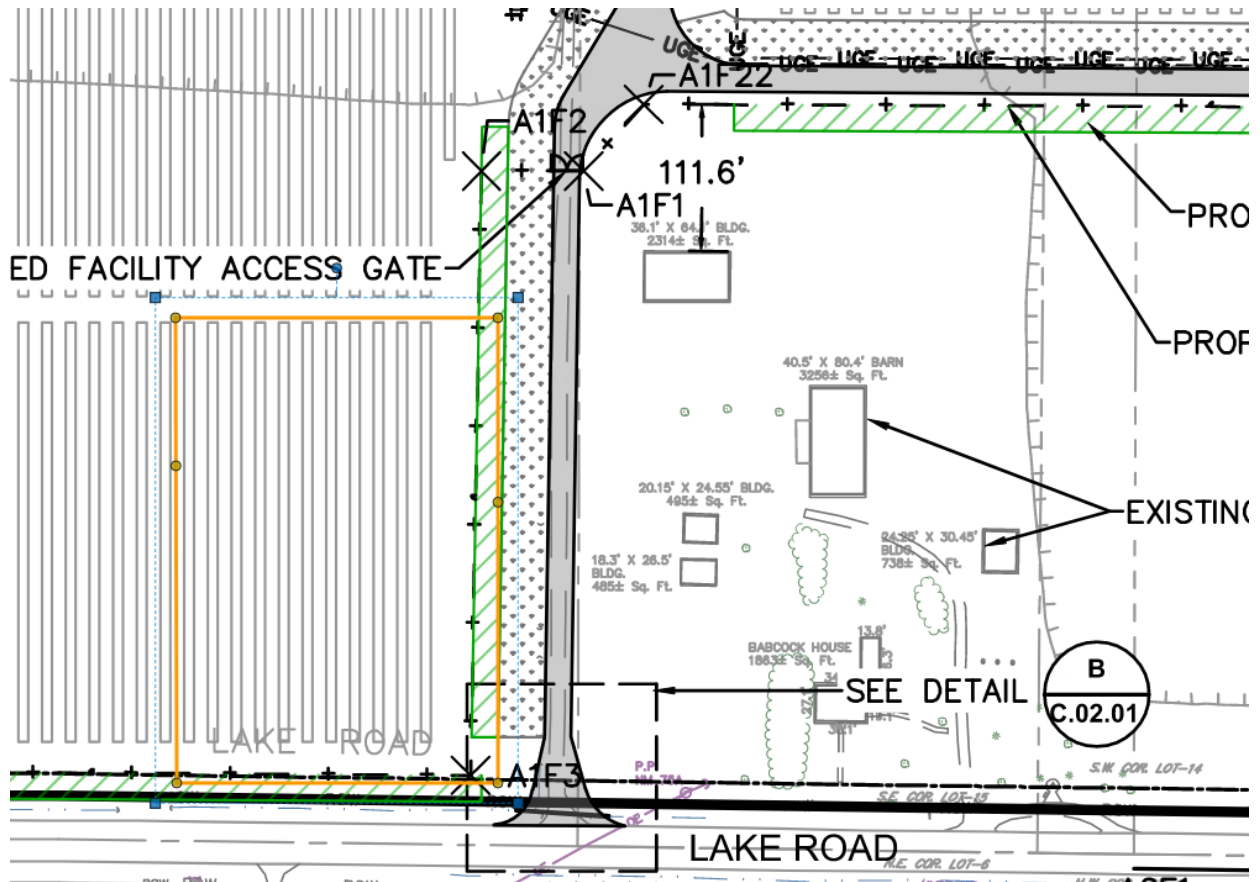
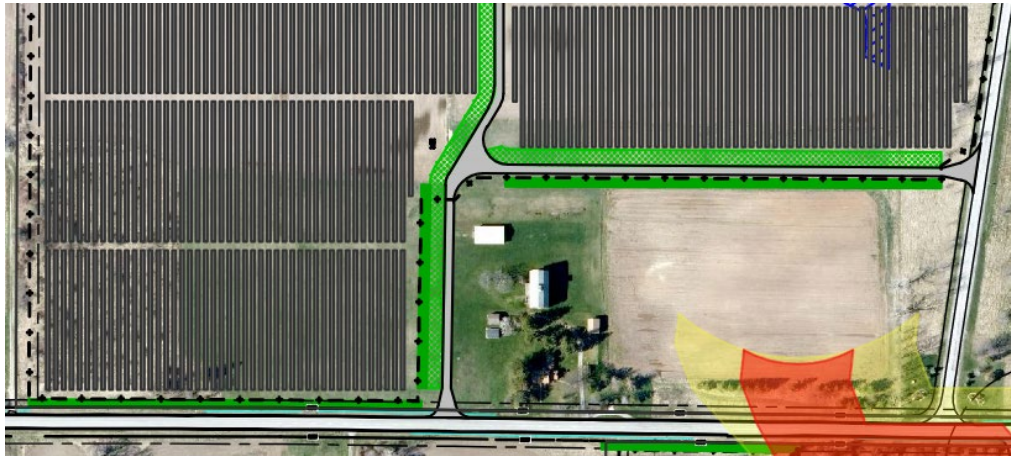
On Monday, November 28, 2022 at 12:40:38 PM EST, Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)> wrote:

Hey Bill,

Below is an image representing the carve out (shown by orange rectangle) we're looking to make to add some additional parking area on the west side of the Babcock house as well as an overall view of the layout in that area. As you can see we carved out roughly 12 acres on the Eastern portion of the Babcock house to keep the field free of panels.

Vegetative screening is represented in green. We've added additional screening in that area in order to screen the panels from view as much as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!



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**From:** [Mario Rice](#)  
**To:** [Reimer, Jacob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps  
**Date:** Monday, June 26, 2023 12:52:00 PM  
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Thanks Jake. Definitely appreciate your insight here!

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**From:** Reimer, Jacob <jreimer@barkericsd.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <mario.rice@aes.com>  
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Hi Mario,

This does help a little but I still cannot answer definitively how the addition of the solar array could affect the financials of the district or the community just due to the construction and operation of the facility. There are too many factors and unknowns to be able to answer effectively.

I can say that a PILOT would likely have a detrimental effect upon the school and community, similarly to how the previous PILOT affected the district and the community. I will be surprised if the town agrees to another PILOT and I don't believe the district would be interested in one either.

A host community agreement might be something some community members would be interested in but I don't have a gauge on that...that would probably be more up the alley of the town.

Let me know if you have any other questions or needs.

Jake

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**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 4:49 PM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkercsd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkercsd.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Apologies Jake, I should have included more context.

During the first round of our application review with ORES it was a question that the state raised.

They asked for more information in regards to “[a]n estimate of incremental school district operating and infrastructure costs due to the construction and operation of the facility, this estimate to be made after consultation with the affected school districts.” Based on my notes from our previous call I was uncertain whether or not this was directly addressed during our conversation.

As for the PILOT and Host Community Agreements we are currently working on a draft document to provide to the Town for review. Niagara county has indicated that if the Town is interested in a PILOT and a HCA that they would be on board as well.

Hope this additional information helps.

Thanks again,

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**From:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkerccd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkerccd.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 4:02 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Mario,

I am not sure I can answer that question as I don't know where the question came from and what data was used to make that assertion. I don't know if adding solar electric to the grid near us could either increase or reduce utility or other variable costs for our town, residents, or the school. I also don't know how a large solar field might impact the values of land or residences surrounding the field (which could indirectly impact and affect our residents tax bills and theoretically could impact the school one way or another). One aspect that could impact the district directly is if there were to be a PILOT agreement in place, which would result in a direct impact to the school and subsequently the community as well. So, without the context of the question and where it came from I can't really answer this at this time.

Thanks and let me know if you have any other questions,  
Jake

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**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkerccd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkerccd.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Good Afternoon Jake,

That's great, and I'm happy to hear that. We don't need any additional information from you.

I was hoping to touch base on our solar project now that application has been submitted. One question that was raised was surrounding any increased cost to the school district due to the project. We're assuming the project won't cause any increase to operating expenses of the schools but just wanted to confirm that you agree. Happy to set up a quick phone call to further discuss.

Mario

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**From:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkerccd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkerccd.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 3:43:53 PM  
**To:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Good Afternoon Mario,

Thanks for the email. We are moving along and we will be working on swapping out lighting on our stage in the next few months. What information will you need about our final plans and what we have done when complete?

Thanks,

Jake

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkercsd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkercsd.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Superintendent Reimer,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to reach out now that our Somerset Solar application has been submitted and touch base with you on the progress of the project.

I know school is coming to an close and things might be hectic but please let me know if you have any time for a quick call over the next couple of weeks.

Thanks,

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**From:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkercsd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkercsd.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Hince <[stephanie.hince@aes.com](mailto:stephanie.hince@aes.com)>  
**Cc:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Stephanie,

I apologize for the significantly delayed response. I have been swamped and not able to return a message yet. I think my assistant has indicated that we are able to accept a donation and provide an exact report of the uses once we finalize our plans.

Please let me know if there is anything else needed for this.

Thanks,  
Jake

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkercsd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkercsd.net)>  
**Cc:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

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Hi Superintendent Reimer,

I hope you are well. I wanted to reach out again as we are quickly approaching our internal deadline for 2022 donation applications.

Based on the conversation we had a couple of weeks ago, it sounded like the Barker CSD's priorities were focused on infrastructure: A/C units, lights for the new athletic field (hopefully solar-powered!) and additions to the new technology wing. We would like to grant the Barker CSD \$35,000 to advance as many of these projects as possible.

If you and the Barker CSD are willing to accept a \$35,000 donation from AES in 2022, I will need confirmation by this Friday, due to our 2022 giving and budgeting deadlines. What we need by Friday is confirmation that the district is interested and able to accept the donation, and confirmation that the district can report back to AES on how the donation is spent – via quarterly, monthly or annual report.

Please let me know if you have any questions – I am happy to support. I hope the Barker CSD will be able to accept this donation, and want to make the process as easy as possible if so. If you are able to give me a call sometime tomorrow, that would be fantastic – my cell is 845-645-1133. I will plan to follow up tomorrow as well.

Thanks,

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**From:** Stephanie Hince  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:35 PM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkerccd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkerccd.net)>  
**Cc:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

Hi Superintendent,

I hope this week has treated you well! I just left a voice message for you at the number 716-795-3832, and wanted to check in by email as well. I am sure you are very busy with the school year just

about to start, but I wanted to follow up again on the topic of AES' potential donation. We are on an internal deadline to have donation proposals submitted by September 13, and so I wanted to ask if this \$35k donation is something you are interested and able to pursue at this time. If so, I will need to receive a proposal from you/the Barker CSD by **September 13** containing:

1. The amount requested (up to \$35k)
2. The projects the donation will go towards/how the funds will be spent (e.g. purchasing of A/C units, purchase of solar-powered lights for athletic field, capital purchases for the new technology wing – whatever the needs of the district are)
3. The method by which the Barker CSD will report back to AES on how the funds have been spent (e.g. quarterly report of donation spending)

When it comes to reporting, in previous and current partnerships it has worked well when our partnering organization sends a quarterly report with any relevant invoices/receipts, if money from our donation has been spent in that quarter. If something else works better for you, just let me know! We are flexible.

If you can please let me know if this donation is some the CSD is able to pursue on this timeline, at your earliest convenience, I would greatly appreciate it. If you are not interested or able to pursue, we would hope to find another local organization/cause to make this donation towards, so it is not lost for the year 2022.

I hope you have a wonderful long weekend.

Best,



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**From:** Stephanie Hince  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:45 PM  
**To:** Reimer, Jacob <[jreimer@barkerksd.net](mailto:jreimer@barkerksd.net)>  
**Cc:** Mario Rice <[mario.rice@aes.com](mailto:mario.rice@aes.com)>  
**Subject:** Donation to Barker CSD: Next Steps

Dear Superintendent Reimer,

I hope this email finds you well and that you had a nice weekend. I wanted to follow up on our conversation around AES' social impact program and potential donation to the Barker CSD. I have attached a handout that highlights AES' social impact program, and have laid out some additional details regarding next steps below.

To move this donation forward, I will need a proposal from you outlining what projects/purchases the donation is being requested for - an explanation of how donated funds will be used. Additionally, this proposal will need to include an explanation of how the school district will report back to AES how the funds have been spent, once they are actually spent. This reporting mechanism is required by our compliance team. The final item we will need to process the donation is a W9 from the school district. If there are next steps I should be aware of on your end, please let me know.

We are working against a deadline to get donations out before the end of 2022, so if you would be able to return on the information above by end of next week, that would be ideal! If you have 15 minutes sometime this week, I would be happy to jump on a brief follow up call to walk through these next steps and any questions you may have. You can also give me a call at any time at the number below (845-645-1133), or reach out to me by email.

Thanks so much, and I hope to hear from you soon!

Best,



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Good afternoon Jessica,

I wanted to pass along the viewshed analysis for the Somerset Solar project. The attached figures represent the bare earth viewshed, vegetated viewshed, vegetated viewshed of the facility substation, and the KOP locations.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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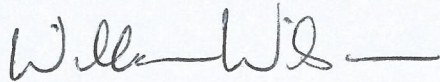
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The Historical Society is grateful for AES' desire to work with our group, as well as other community groups. This shows a balance in their efforts in the contribution to help meet New York State's climate goals, without ignoring the community's concerns of potential changes. Our hope is that this positive relationship with our community will continue to grow over the duration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Wilson", followed by a horizontal line.

William Wilson  
Acting President, Town of Somerset Historical Society.