

Wappinger Planning Board

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RE: Old Myers NY LLC Request to Clear Trees before the Close of the Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB) Clearing Window, occurring on March 31st.

Dear Planning Board Chairman Flower and Members of the Planning Board,

On behalf of the applicant Old Myers NY LLC, I'm writing to request permission to clear an area of 3.5 acres of trees ahead of pulling a building permit for the solar project at 189 Myers Corners Rd, Wappinger NY. In order to comply with the Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB) tree clearing window requirement, trees must be cleared between November 1st and March 31st.

The applicant has gone through the SEQRA process with the Town Board as part of the parcels zone change from R40 to R80 to accommodate the dual-use solar project. The Site Plan Application and Special Use Permit Application are being introduced to the Planning board on March 6th, 2023. Old Myers NY LLC will work closely with the Planning Board to meet all requirements of the Town and are hopeful to receive approval by May of 2023. To be compliant with US Fish & Wildlife Service tree clearing regulation for the NLEB, we request permission to clear trees ahead of March 31, 2023. The removal of hedgerows will allow for the expansion of the existing farm operations and ultimately make this dual-use solar project possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,



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