



Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum

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Planning Board Members and Representatives of Alna Community Solar,

The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum would like to express our support for the Alna Community Solar project. At the same time, we would like to ensure the project's on-site improvements do not unduly encumber the historic WW&F narrow gauge railway roadbed and possibly complicate any future reconstruction of the railroad at that location.

Specifically, the Solar Farm's access road from State Route 218 crosses the railroad right of way. The WW&F, in partnership with the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, foresees potential railroad reconstruction at this location in a 5–10-year timeframe. There are several points of concern which can likely be readily accommodated by Alna Community Solar if they know about and agree to them prior to construction. If these concerns are not accommodated, sorting out a solution later when the railroad is ready to use the property will be tremendously more complicated.

The WW&F proposes to physically flag the specific areas of concern at a time mutually agreeable to Alna Community Solar, and that they accommodate the following requests:

1. No utility poles or other hardware be permanently placed between the ditches of the original railroad bed.
2. That overhead line clearance across the railroad bed meet Central Maine Power's standards for railroad crossings on service drops, which is 24' minimum.
3. That the final grade height of the improved road not be more than 18" higher than the current grade height of the railroad bed.
4. That the placement of culverts or other water management features not impinge upon the restoration and or use of the roadbed for railroad purposes.

Again, we hope and intend these requests to have minimal impact on Alna Solar Community's proposed activities. We wish them well on their admirable project.

Sincerely,

David J. Buczkowski

David J. Buczkowski, President

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