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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:28 PM

**To:** Mark Townsend <Mark.Townsend@carverma.org>

**Cc:** Town Clerk's Office <town.clerk@carverma.gov>; Robert Fennessy <Robert.Fennessy@carverma.gov>; 'Andrew O. Kaplan' <akaplan@PierceAtwood.com>; 'Ben Weisel' <bweisel@pluspower.com>

**Subject:** 2/15/22 Select Board Meeting - related correspondence to be submitted into record

Chairman Townsend and Honorable Members of the Select Board,

My name is Allyson Sand and I am Plus Power's Market Lead responsible for the development of the Cranberry Point Battery Energy Storage project, to be located at 31R Main Street in Carver. It is our understanding that, at tonight's Select Board meeting, you will be continuing your discussion and possible vote for recommendation of draft Annual Town Meeting articles, which includes a draft warrant article petition ("Petition Article") that would place an 11 ½ month moratorium on battery storage facilities in the Town of Carver.

During your discussion, we ask that you please consider and include the attached correspondence from Plus Power outlining why the Select Board should vote to exclude the Petition Article from the Town Meeting. We ask that our correspondence be distributed to all members of the Select Board and be included in the record of tonight's proceedings. And, we look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Carver on this important project. **Asks Board to "exclude" the Article from Town Meeting. Board has no authority to do that.**

If the Select Board has any questions or comments for Plus Power, please reach out to me at [asand@pluspower.com](mailto:asand@pluspower.com).

Sincerely,  
Allyson Sand

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February 15, 2022

By Electronic Mail

Mark Townsend, Chair  
Town of Carver Select Board  
Carver Town Hall  
108 Main Street  
Carver, MA 02330

Dear Chair Townsend and Honorable Members of the Select Board:

I am writing with respect to the ten residents' town meeting warrant article petition ("Petition Article") that would place an 11 ½ month moratorium on battery storage facilities in the Town of Carver. This petition would prohibit the construction of any battery storage project until March 26, 2023. For the reasons outlined below, we are writing to respectfully request that the Board vote not to support the proposed moratorium.

Since 2018, throughout the project's ownership at Enel and now Plus Power, our team has been working cooperatively with town officials, staff and the Planning Board to obtain the necessary municipal approvals for a battery storage facility called the Cranberry Point Energy Storage Project. The necessary Site Plan Review and Special Permit was issued by the Planning Board in 2019 and extended in 2021. As the project has been thoroughly vetted and approved by the Planning Board, it is simply not a fair exercise for a residents' Petition Article to now stop or severely delay the project. It is also unfounded – there is no legitimate basis for enacting a moratorium – and contrary to the spirit of our ongoing good and thoughtful collaboration with the Town of Carver.

Cranberry Point Energy Storage, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Plus Power, is committed to developing this 150 megawatt ("MW") energy storage facility at 31R Main Street in Carver. The Carver Planning Board held public hearings in 2019 at which all persons were able to share their views about the battery storage project. After those hearings, the Board voted by a majority vote to grant a Site Plan Review and Special Permit approving the battery storage project. In 2021, the Planning Board further voted to extend the permit.

At the most fundamental level, the moratorium proposal is unfair. Since 2018, our team has worked diligently with Town of Carver permitting officials and the Carver Fire Department to immediately address any planning and safety questions to their satisfaction. We also attended multiple public meetings and hearings, during which we presented the project in detail and responded to questions. Additionally, in July 2021, we hosted an Open House to meet with abutters to hear and address any concerns, yet this petition was not raised.

The proposed moratorium is also unnecessary and unfounded. There are no reasons given in the petition for the moratorium. We are extremely challenged to understand how ten out of over eleven thousand Town residents can propose this petition after years of community engagement with no attempt to contact us about their concerns with the facility. We are also saddened to see recent social media posts that contain many specious, unfounded claims about the facility's siting and construction plans. The standalone energy storage facility is carefully designed to avoid the Pine Barren ecosystem, existing cranberry bogs, wetlands, and cultural heritage sites. In addition, it will be located next to a large existing

**it's basically IN a wetland and abutting a cranberry bog.**



**A “thick forest”? Cranberry Point’s environmental report says they are cutting down 460 trees**

electrical substation, intersecting some of the largest transmission lines in New England, yet the project is shrouded from most neighbors by a thick forest. All but one of the warrant article petitioners live 2 to 7 miles from our storage project. Under legal ‘standing’ requirements, those individuals are not affected by it.

**WRONG! there’s no “legal standing” requirement for a citizen petitioned Article**

Moreover, it is our understanding that the Town of Carver was recently awarded a Green Communities Competitive Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. According to Massachusetts’ Green Communities Act (MGL c. 25A §10(c)), in order to be awarded this grant, a municipality must adopt an expedited application and permitting process under which renewable or alternative energy facilities may be sited within the municipality, and the permitting process shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of initial application to the date of final approval. If the Town were to pass the moratorium, its impact certainly would go against the spirit of the Green Community Program’s intent to expedite the development of renewable and alternative energy sources and may cause the Town to lose future grants related to this program.

**Is that a threat?**

**WRONG! town permits are not**

Finally, a developer should feel confident that once it has obtained all discretionary Town “discretionary” going through an extensive public review process and making significant financial commitments, that it will be able to construct its project without further delay. Should this proposed moratorium move forward, it could send a chilling signal to future developers looking to invest in Carver. For these and all the other reasons above, we respectfully urge the Carver Select Board to recommend the petition not be considered.

Plus Power looks forward to a continuation of the robust relationship we have enjoyed with the Town of Carver and to begin building this facility so that we can help contribute jobs and economic revenue in the community and enhance energy reliability for Carver and its neighboring communities.

**with a select group of Carver landowners and politicians maybe, but with the people?**

Sincerely,

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Cc: Robert Fennessy  
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## Dahill Cara

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**From:** Mark Townsend  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 10:04 AM  
**To:** Weston, Elaine  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL]Availability tomorrow?

**Look who's meeting with Cranberry Point in March 2022**

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**From:** asand@pluspower.com <asand@pluspower.com>  
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Hi Chairman Townsend – Allyson here from Plus Power. I am in Carver this week and wanted to see if you had a few minutes for me to come introduce myself tomorrow at Town Hall? I'm here with my colleagues, Chris Quaranta and Polly Shaw, and we would love to chat with you a bit about the Annual Town Meeting process ahead of 4/12.

Apologies for the late notice! Otherwise, would love to hop on a quick call or can schedule time with you soon when I'm in town next.

Here's my cell: 469.323.6700.

Thanks,  
Allyson

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**WRONG! Selectboard cannot vote to "exclude" the petition**

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**From:** Ben Weisel <bweisel@pluspower.com>  
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Hi Mark,

My name is Ben Weisel and I work with Allyson Sand at Plus Power in connection with our proposed battery energy storage project to be located in Carver. I was hoping to speak with you about the upcoming Town Meeting regarding a few questions we had. Do you have a few minutes today or tomorrow? I am available at your convenience. My phone number is 516-549-3725.

Thank you,

Ben

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