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Kenneth Buckland
Planner
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By email June 23, 2023

Re:

Planning Board Cases 7-20 and 9-20, Extension requests from New Leaf/Borrogo Solar for 2020 Site Plan Review and Special Permits

Request for investigation of industrial scale logging operation: Makepeace parcels 111_1000_C, 111_1000_F, 113_1000, and 110_1015

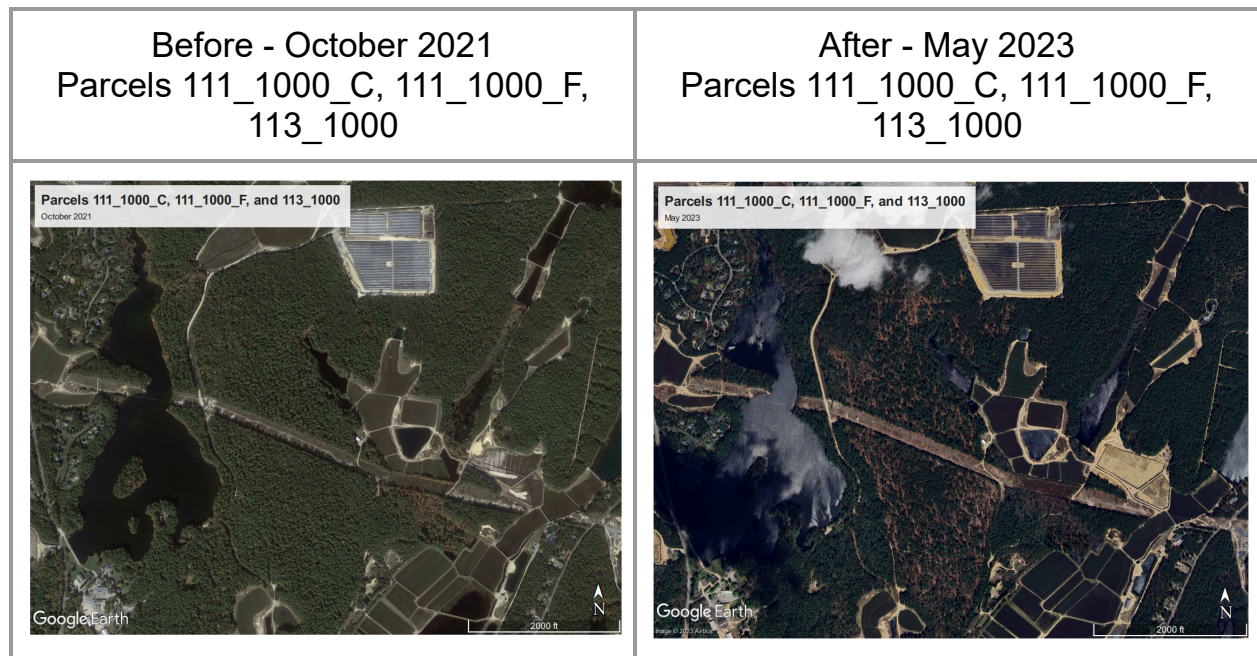
Dear Chair King, Members of the Board, and Mr. Buckland,

Community Land & Water Coalition (“CLWC”), a project of Save the Pine Barrens, Inc. writes to bring to the Board’s attention new information pertaining to the two above referenced Site Plan Review and Special Permit applications under consideration.

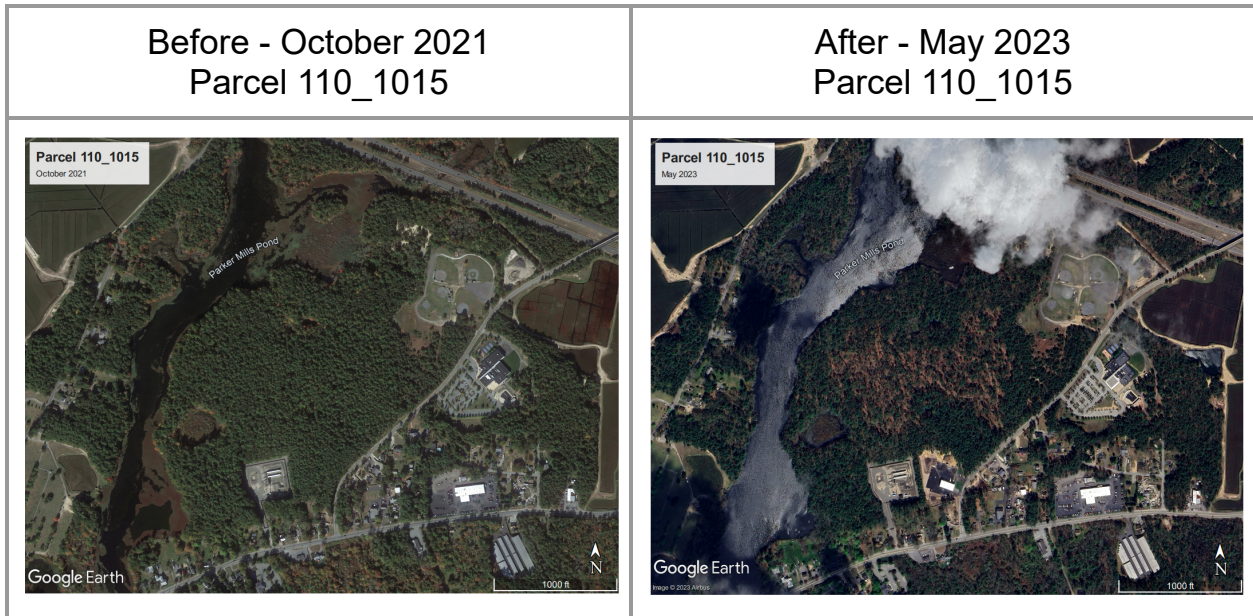
Photographic evidence shows that extensive logging activity has taken place on the land in question since 2021, after the Planning Board approvals were granted. There is no building permit for any activity on the site and no site clearing permit of which we are aware.

A comparison of Google Earth satellite images from October 2021 and May 2023 show the location of A.D. Makepeace's logging operations on these sites, parcels which are owned by A.D. Makepeace and identified as Assessor's Map 111_1000_C, 111_1000_F, 113_1000, and 110_1015.

150 Tihonet Road (and the adjacent 140 Tihonet Road)



27 Charge Pond Road



We believe that this information warrants an investigation by the Planning Board and Planning Department into whether the logging activity is in compliance with applicable state and local laws. The State's Forest Cutting Practices Regulations, 304 CMR 11.00 establish rules for forest cutting practices including compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act, development of a Forest Cutting Plan and notice to abutters. We request that the Board ascertain whether A.D. Makepeace's activities at 150 Tihonet Road, 27 Charge Pond Road and at the related proposed solar site of 140 Tihonet Road are in compliance with the state law and applicable Town zoning and general bylaws.

These comments are submitted by Community Land & Water Coalition ("CLWC"), a project of Save the Pine Barrens, Inc., a non-profit group whose mission is to protect, preserve and steward the land and water resources of Southeastern Massachusetts, including the Plymouth Carver Sole Source Aquifer. CLWC members live, work and recreate in Wareham and are specifically impacted by decisions made regarding land and water management in this area.

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions the Board or staff may have. Feel free to call Meg Sheehan at 508 259 9154 or Katherine Harrelson.

Very truly yours,

Margaret E. Sheehan

Volunteer