

Developing the Solar Landscape



Introduction – BCM & their Attorneys

- Amy Manzelli (joined 2011)

environmental, conservation, and land law throughout NH

- Jason Reimers (joined 2012)

assists land trusts and property owners on conservation easements and related matters

- Tom Hanna (joined 2019)

complex real estate, zoning, and land use matters



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Permitting a Solar Development:
Am I going to the SEC or a local Planning Board?



Less than 5 MW – PB – No Choice
5 MW to 30 MW – CHOICE, sort of
Greater than 30 MW – SEC – No Choice



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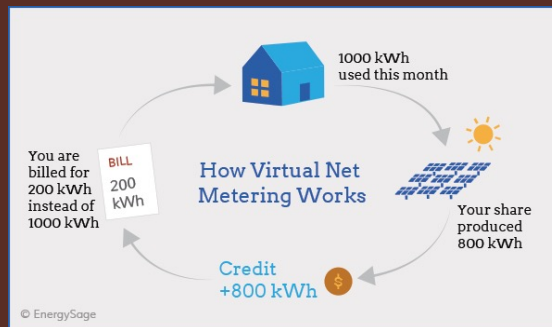
Key Considerations:

- Peer Reviews – Develop Might Always Pay
- Speed (or lack thereof)
- Permitted Use
- Host Community
- State Permits



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Net Metering – when the owner of a solar energy system gets credited for the solar power their system generates but they do not use



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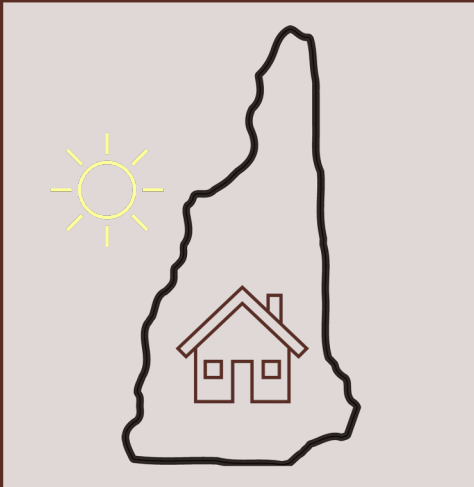
[Virtual Net Metering: What is it? How Does it Work? | EnergySage](#)

Advantages

- more cost-efficient
- increases the amount of power generated by clean energy

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HB315 and **SB91** – recently passed bills that lift the cap of how much energy municipalities can generate using solar from 1 megawatt to 5 megawatts



1 megawatt = enough energy for ~164 homes
5 megawatts = enough energy for ~820 homes

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What this Means for Municipalities

- Create more of our own clean energy locally 
- More cost-effective for both development and energy usage 
- Pass savings on to residents 
- Encourage the growth of clean energy businesses in NH 



[NH-largest-solar-array-Peterborough.jpg \(2858x1349\) \(wikimedia.org\)](#)

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