

## **TOLEMAC SOLAR - HOLLIS, NH**

### **The Action: give a brief description of the project.**

163.8kW ground-mounted system on 1 acre of private residential land

### **When was the project completed & how long did it take from start to finish?**

August 9, 2015 - informational meeting with neighbors  
August 20, 2015 - talk to town of Hollis about the project  
mid-August 2015 - engage Eversource  
January 20, 2017 - the day the system went live

### **What elements made this project a success?**

Patience. Working with the Town of Hollis, working with a consultant, selecting right company to do the install (Solar Source).

### **What were the main challenges?**

At first, the Town of Hollis said there was no zoning regulation regarding solar installations, so this proposed solar installation was not something that could be done. We needed to help create and vote on new zoning regulation that will make it easier for people to install similar projects in the future.

An additional challenge was learning the process of each step along the way, completing a step and realizing there were more steps than you thought.

We could not find anyone to write a Group Net Metering Agreement, so we ended up training someone to do that piece.

### **List the key players and their roles.**

- Clay Mitchell (Esq. PhD, Lecturer, UNH) & Mark Fougere (Town Planner, Hollis, NH) - both helped to write the zoning regulation.
- Craig Bell (owner) of Solar Source - not only installed the system, but did so with care & concern to create a wonderfully aesthetically pleasing array.
- Mike Motta & Rick Lebreque of Eversource
- Kate Epton - NHSEA (Executive Director - NH Sustainable Energy Association) for connections, advice, support
- Frank & Kathy Grossman - land owners
- Matt Benson (CLRM) - helped write Group Net Metering Agreement

### **Roughly, what was the final cost and how was it funded?**

\$3.21/W, Self-funded

For more information & photographs of the project, please visit: <http://www.tolemacsolar.com>