

Public Notices



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND ADJUDICATORY HEARING



<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/certificate-for-oakham-bess>

Moraga Storage, LLC - Request for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest - EFSB 26-01

Notice is hereby given that Moraga Storage, LLC (“Moraga” or the “Company”) has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board” or “EFSB”), pursuant to St. 2024, c. 239, § 118, an Initial Petition and an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest (“Certificate”). The Company seeks a Certificate with nine state and local permits to allow the construction and operation of a 180-megawatt /720-megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (“BESS”) project at 358 Coldbrook Road, Oakham Massachusetts (“Project”). The Siting Board granted individual and a comprehensive zoning exemptions for the Project subject to conditions by final decision on June 26, 2026, in EFSB 25-07. The Siting Board’s website has a project-specific webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the proceeding: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/certificate-for-oakham-bess>.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, September 8, 2026:

(1) An individual or organization seeking to participate in the proceeding as an intervenor or limited participant must file a petition with the EFSB by September 8, 2026, (see instructions below);

(2) Any person may submit written comments to the EFSB by September 8, 2026, (instructions below). Your written comments help inform the Siting Board about public concerns regarding the Certificate request and important issues for review in the proceeding.

Intervenor or limited participants in EFSB 25-07 are automatically granted the same status in this proceeding (EFSB 26-01) without need of filing a new petition.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Petitions to intervene or participate must satisfy the requirements of 980 CMR 1.05, the Siting Board’s procedural rules, which are on the Siting Board’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Both petitions to intervene or participate on a limited basis and written comments must be filed with: (1) the Siting Board in electronic format, by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; (2) the presiding officer at Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov; and (3) Moraga’s counsel at akaplan@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 26-01); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Thursday, October 22, 2026:

The Siting Board will conduct an initial remote evidentiary hearing to collect evidence related to Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application, beginning on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Details on viewing or participating in that hearing will be posted on the EFSB’s information webpage and provided to the service list before the hearing.

PERMITS REQUESTED BY MORAGA

Pursuant to St. 2024, c. 239, § 118, the Company seeks a Certificate that would include the following nine approvals and permits required for the Project:

1. An approval that is the equivalent of an Order of Conditions for the Project issued by the Oakham Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00).
2. An approval that is the equivalent of a Determination of Applicability issued by the Department of Conservation and Recreation pursuant to the Massachusetts Watershed Protection Act (Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1992, M.G.L. c. 92A1/2) and its implementing regulations (313 CMR 11.00).
3. An approval that is the equivalent of a Building Permit issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner pursuant to 780 CMR.
4. An approval that is the equivalent of an Electrical Permit issued by the Oakham Wiring Inspector pursuant to 527 CMR 12.00.
5. An approval that is the equivalent of a Road Opening/Trench Permit(s) in the Town of Oakham, pursuant to G.L. c. 82A and 520 CMR 14.00 ordinarily issued by the Oakham Highway Department.
6. An approval that is the equivalent of a Driveway Permit in the Town of Oakham, pursuant to Chapter XVI of the Oakham General Bylaws, ordinarily issued by the Oakham Highway Department.
7. An approval that is the equivalent of a Demolition Permit issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner.
8. An approval that is the equivalent of a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner pursuant to 780 CMR.
9. An approval that is the equivalent of a Fire Permit issued by the Oakham Fire Department pursuant to the Massachusetts Fire Code, 527 CMR 1.00 et seq.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Moraga proposes to install 184 lithium-ion batteries, a substation, and other equipment to allow for the transmission of electricity between the batteries and an adjacent and already established transmission line. The Project would be constructed on an approximately 42.9-acre parcel of land (“Project Site”) in the Town of Oakham. The Project construction envelope (encompassing all the work for the Project, including the storage of materials) would consist of approximately 18 acres, and the Project itself, once completed, would have a footprint of about 10.8 acres. A portion of the proposed Project Site was formerly an auto salvage and recycling facility.

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on an **Abbreviated Notice of Intent** to confirm wetland resource area boundaries located within portions of three parcels along South Barre Road. H-135B, H-135C and H-471 requested by Peter Trifilo, Central Plains Associates, Inc.

From: Peter Trifilo Central Plains Associates, Inc. 850 South Barre Road P.O. Box 1 So. Barre, MA 01074

To be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.

Ronald Rich, Chairman

08/06/2026

Sale of Motor Vehicle under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

Notice is hereby given by: **Dave’s Tow & Transport, Inc** pursuant to the provisions of MGL C.255 sec 39a, that on 8/7/26 at 843 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA the following motor vehicle will be sold by private sale to satisfy the garage keeper’s lien thereon for storage, towing charges and other expenses incurred, including sales costs.

2014 Subaru Forester VIN: JF2SJAHC0EH424475 John Francis Tambeau 48B Mechanic St, PO Box 364 Barre, MA 01005

07/23, 07/30, 08/06/2026

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD OF HEALTH

In accordance with town by-law Chapter 305 Siting of Commercial Operations, the Board of Health will hear a request for a Site Assignment on **September 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm** for applicant Pine Hill Leasing, LLC. The request is for the operation of a Gas Station, Convenience Store and Car Wash located at 141

The Company proposes to connect the batteries to an adjacent existing overhead 115-kV transmission line (Line A127-4) owned by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid via an air-insulated substation, an on-site overhead 115 kV line tap that extends about 250 feet, and a 3-breaker ring bus.

OVERVIEW OF THE SITING BOARD’S REVIEW PROCESS

In this adjudication, the Siting Board will review Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application, which were filed together on June 30, 2026. On July 24, 2026, the Chair of the Siting Board issued a Determination Letter providing that the Siting Board would: (1) accept Moraga’s Initial Petition for a Certificate; (2) consolidate Moraga’s Initial Petition with its Application; (3) defer a decision on the merits of the Initial Petition; and (4) adjudicate Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application concurrently.

Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application

Moraga asserts that the exercise of the Siting Board’s Certificate authority is needed to construct and operate the Project as approved by the Siting Board. In its Certificate Initial Petition, Moraga alleges that the Town’s Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Health, Oakham Inspectional Services Department (Wire and Building), and Fire Chief have all publicly opposed the Project. Moraga alleges further that it cannot commence construction of the Project because the Conservation Commission or the Board of Health are likely to delay or deny Project permits and approvals. The Company asserts that, without a Certificate from the EFSB, the Project cannot proceed. In this proceeding, the Siting Board will determine whether Moraga has demonstrated at least one of the grounds for a Certificate in St. 2024, c. 239, § 118. See also G.L. c. 164, § 69K1/2.

In this proceeding, the Siting Board will consider whether Moraga’s Application demonstrates that the issues raised by state agencies or local governments have been addressed in a comprehensive manner, and make findings regarding (i) the compatibility of the BESS with considerations of environmental protection, public health, and public safety; (ii) the extent to which construction and operation of the BESS will fail to conform with existing state and local laws, ordinances, bylaws, rules, and regulations and reasonableness of exemption thereunder, if any, consistent with the implementation of the energy policies contained in G.L. c. 164; and (iii) the public interest or convenience requiring construction and operation of the BESS. See G.L. c. 164, 69 O 1/2.

Access to Moraga’s Petition and Application for a Certificate

The documents for this proceeding may be accessed for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations:

- The Siting Board’s website at: <https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets/docket/13025> (filings under “Document Type: Initial Filing”).
- Moraga’s website at: Moraga Energy Storage

Physical copies of the Initial Petition and Application may also be inspected at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA, 02110
- Town Clerk, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Unit 1, Oakham, MA 01068
- Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St, Oakham, MA 01068

Requests For Accommodations And Language Services

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please do so well in advance by contacting:

Melixza Esenyie
Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Human Resources, 9th Floor
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114 eeadiversity@mass.gov
617-626-1282

Language interpretation services are also available upon request to Yonathan Mengesha at (617) 305-3544 or Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov. Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Siting Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, income, ethnicity, class, disability, religious creed or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, English language proficiency, or ancestry in administration of its programs or activities. See the Siting Board’s Non-Discrimination Notice at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/efsb-non-discrimination-notice-and-grievance-procedure>.

If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board’s non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures, or believe the Siting Board has discriminated against you, you may contact Melixza Esenyie for more information.

Contact

Any person desiring additional information regarding the Notice, including information regarding intervention or participation in the proceeding, should contact the Siting Board through the Presiding Officer at the following email address:

Daniel Keleher, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 3rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov
(617) 305-3623

08/06/2026

Worcester Road, Assessor’s Map H Lot 219. The Board meets in the Board of Selectmen’s Room first floor of the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West Street in Barre.

08/06, 08/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL TIMBER OPERATORS

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, is offering for sale standing timber and cordwood located on the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs and Ware River Watershed. For details, contact the Water Supply Protection Division Office on or before August 17, 2026, at 857-274-7090.

8/06/2026



Police Logs

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 52 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, four traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, four assist other agencies, one motor vehicle investigation, four investigations, one safety hazard, three complaints, one burglary, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 20

10:41 a.m. Welfare Check, High Street, Report Taken
11:54 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
2:29 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Officer Handled
4:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
6:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
9:54 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 21

1:19 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
8:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
9:11 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Voice Message Left
9:28 a.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled
10:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
2:14 p.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Spoken To
2:45 p.m. Investigation, High Street, Officer Handled
3:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Merge
6:51 p.m. 911 Misdial, Barre Road, Spoken To
8:48 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), High Street, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 22

4:54 a.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
8:56 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:54 a.m. 911 Lockout, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
4:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Services Rendered

6:50 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Summit Road, Spoken To
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated

Thursday, July 23

6:39 a.m. 911 Fire/Alarm, Jackson Road, Services Rendered
11:53 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:48 p.m. Welfare Check, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
4:56 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
10:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Merge

Friday, July 24

5:39 a.m. Medical Alarm, Prospect Street, Patient Refusal
12:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Officer Handled
11:50 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Cleveland Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, July 25

7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
8:28 a.m. Investigation, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
9:37 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
10:31 a.m. Parking Complaint, Barre Road, Officer Handled
2:14 p.m. Medical Alarm, Bridge Street, Negative Contact
2:53 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Officer Handled
3:34 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Ridge Road, Officer Handled
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:34 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Grove Street, Officer Handled
4:38 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Grove Street, Merge
4:48 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
7:05 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Glastonbury, Connecticut, Spoken To
9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, July 26

4:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
6:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Officer Handled

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Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

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