



Steward's Journal

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Recent Stewardship

- ❖ Prevented condemnation of severely undervalued office building based on inadequate evidence of need for public construction project
- ❖ Closed sale of sand and gravel mine for forty-megawatt solar project and negotiated easement for utility scale solar project
- ❖ Won approval to net meter large renewable energy and storage systems in RI PUC docket 4982 - <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4982page.html>
- ❖ Argued interconnection tax appeal in RI Supreme Court, fighting to hold utility to IRS exemption
- ❖ Filed PUC challenge to utility transmission studies and resulting system upgrade charges on renewable energy interconnecting to the local distribution system
- ❖ Won public access rights across private roads with long history of public maintenance and use in Massachusetts Land Court
- ❖ Due diligence and negotiation support for transfer of renewable energy assets
- ❖ Contesting double taxation of renewable energy projects improperly valued as both tangible and real property assets
- ❖ Helped prepare 501(c)(3) applications for non-profits
- ❖ Advised on net metering credit purchase and real estate control agreements
- ❖ Pro bono counsel to farm cooperative on entity formation and business organization

Other News & Resources

- ❖ LiveableRI adapted World War I food administration posters for climate change, now touring RI
- ❖ Helen sponsored successful resolution authorizing aggregation of renewable energy as default supply in Providence and is sponsoring an energy benchmarking ordinance
- ❖ RI has a dashboard to measure climate performance - http://climatechange.ri.gov/climatesnapshot/?mc_cid=38daf5e271&mc_eid=2f46612f86
- ❖ Track progress on our new, clean and secure energy economy here - <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=f9df275d3c345955a14ee2484&id=3b31e5744f>