



Steward's Journal July 2020

Recent Stewardship

- ❖ Moved PUC to extend deadlines for the renewable energy growth program due to COVID 19 <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5029page.html>
- ❖ Counseled closings on solar and wind projects
- ❖ Local counsel to Yale's Gruber Law Clinic, Secretary John Kerry and other federal officials fighting the Trump administration's position that treaties and federal law preclude RI's case that fossil fuel companies deceived us on climate change
- ❖ Appealing utility transmission studies and system upgrade charges assessed to local renewable energy interconnecting to the distribution system
- ❖ Counsel on land use entitlement process for renewable energy projects
- ❖ Any Audubon results to report??
- ❖ Prepare net metering credit purchase and real estate control agreements
- ❖ Negotiate municipal streetlight service agreements
- ❖ Challenging double taxation of renewable energy projects for tangible and real property value
- ❖ Helping to form non-profits and get them 501(c)(3) status

Other News & Resources

- ❖ Welcome Justin Somelofske to Handy Law! After graduating from Bates College, Justin got his JD and masters in Energy Regulation and Law at Vermont Law School where he was staff editor of the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law. He has worked for the Hawaiian Electric Company, the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), Kirby McInerney LLP in New York, and the Institute for the Energy & Environment at VLS.
- ❖ Advocating for rapid and effective implementation of Governor Raimondo's executive order 20-01, demanding that Rhode Island source 100 percent of its energy from renewables by 2030
- ❖ Working toward approval and effective implementation of Providence's municipal aggregation program driving the City to bulk purchase more affordable and secure clean energy
- ❖ Read Rhode Island's new report on thermal energy - <http://www.energy.ri.gov/documents/HST/RI%20HST%20Final%20Pathways%20Report%204-22-20.pdf>