



*Steward's Journal*  
*March 2022*

*Recent Stewardship*

- ❖ Filed RI Supreme Court appeal of municipal double taxation of renewable energy projects for both their tangible value and their impact on real property value.
- ❖ Permitted two solar projects proposed under a new Portsmouth Solar Ordinance.
- ❖ Won Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruling that local renewable energy projects cannot be charged transmission system operating and maintenance costs absent an authorizing agreement. Protesting subsequent utility effort to amend transmission services agreement.
- ❖ Entitlement and regulatory review on corporate transactions.
- ❖ Dispute resolutions on Narragansett Electric's cost assessments, allocations and cost sharing practices, and interconnection delays.
- ❖ Advising and transaction support for renovation of inactive hydro facility.
- ❖ Filed public comment for New Energy RI on the public interest in the sale of Narragansett Electric's interests in Rhode Island's energy systems, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers Docket D-21-09.
- ❖ Appealed MA Dept. of Energy Resources' refusal to extend SMART program performance deadlines for COVID related delays.
- ❖ Negotiated conservation agreements to preserve properties across Rhode Island.
- ❖ Continue to engage stakeholders in discussions on siting policy for renewable energy projects.

*Other News & Resources*

- ❖ Good coverage of the case on direct assignment facility charges – <https://energynews.us/2021/04/05/new-englands-solar-growth-is-creating-tension-over-who-pays-for-grid-upgrades/>
- ❖ News on the proposed sale of Narragansett Electric – <https://riag.ri.gov/press-releases/statement-attorney-general-peter-f-neronha-appealing-decision-approve-sale>  
<https://energynews.us/2021/11/22/rhode-island-utility-sale-could-be-complicated-by-state-climate-law/>
- ❖ Our Boston Globe Op-Ed on that sale: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/12/16/metro/narragansett-electric-company-sale-needs-better-consider-public-interests/>