GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington – Chairperson, Adrian Johnson – Vice Chairperson (remote, left at 7:40 p.m.), Andrea Ackerman (remote), Sean Corcoran (remote, left at 7:34 p.m.), Mitch Shinbrot (left at 7:35 p.m.), Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf (remote, left at 7:06 p.m.), Jennifer White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Sam Kilpatrick, Shannon Weigle, Clint Kennedy

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. Review of the April 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting.

III. Presentation re: Solar Panels @ Fitch High School – Attachment #1

Katie Shelton, CT Green Banks, gave an overview of the proposed solar panels at Fitch High School.

IV. Update re: Grants

Shannon Weigle gave an update on grants noting there is a new competitive grant program from the Department of Defense for school construction. The program provides 5-year grants ranging in amount from $250,000 to $25 million. The committee decided to concentrate on CB which is approximately 60% military. The proposal due date is May 22, 2026.

V. Discussion re: Board Approval of Grants

Mr. Johnson explained his request for the Board to be involved in the selection and/or approval of grants. Mrs. Weigle explained the grant seeking and application process and Mrs. White noted that the decision to apply for a grant should remain the responsibility of the Superintendent and the professional staff. No action was taken.

VI. Discussion re: Board of Education Goals

Mrs. Washington asked for consensus of the continuation with the present Board Goals.

The consensus of the Board was the continuation of the Board Goals.

VII. REVIEW OF REFERRAL TRACKING SHEET

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, White: The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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May 11, 2026

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Competitive RFP process run by the Connecticut Green Bank for contractor selection.

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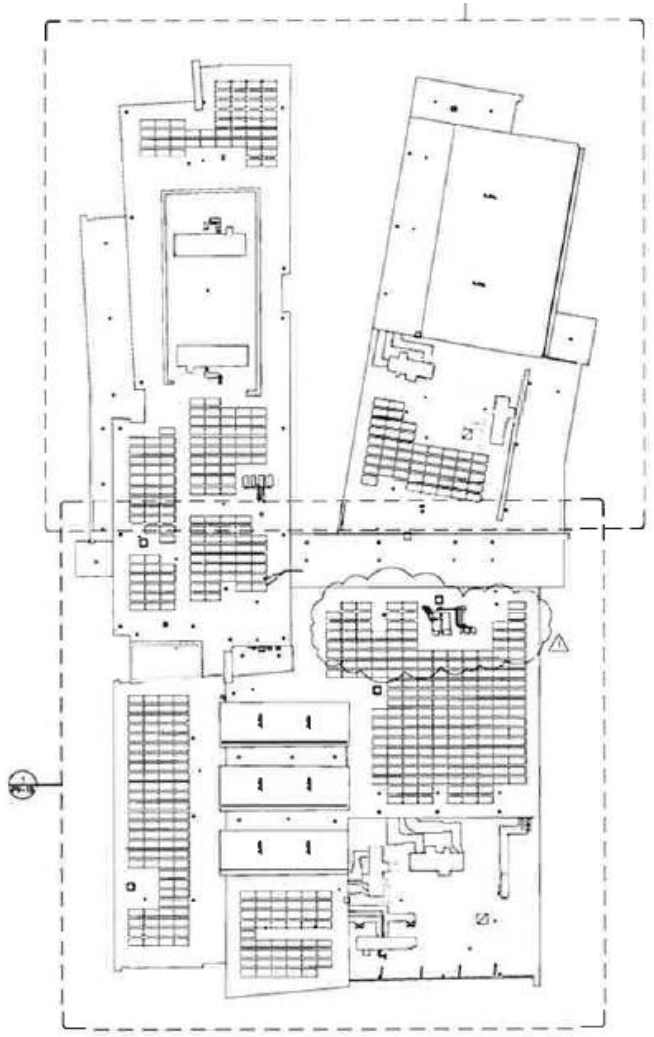
Past Participation in Solar MAP+

Groton Middle School
As Built Size: 305.2 kW DC
Commercial Operation Date: May 4th, 2024

FIXED PPA Rate: $0.076/kWh
Expected Savings: $16,801
Actual Savings: $41,648.28

*Note: This project was developed using the previous incentive program, which has since been phased out. The Fitch High School project will be structured to provide monetary bill credits on your electric bill.

Time frame analyzed: 7/25/2024-7/27/2025



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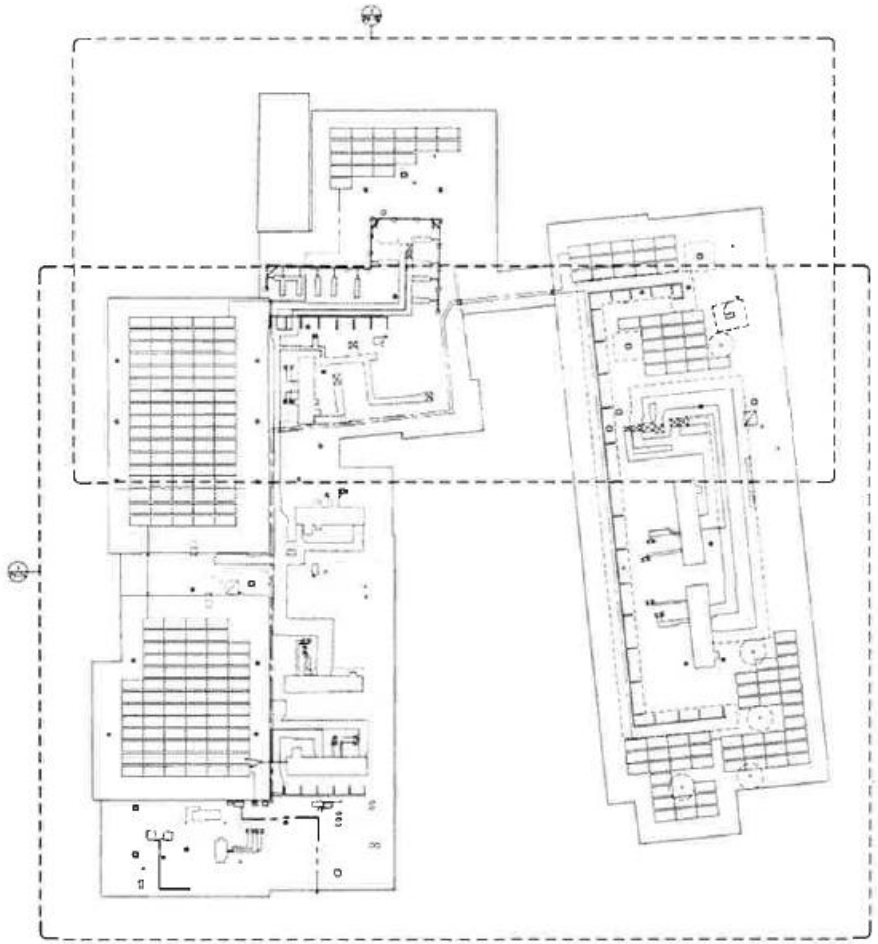
Past Participation in Solar MAP+

Mystic River Magnet School
As Built Size: 139.52 kW DC
Commercial Operation Date: May 4th, 2024

FIXED PPA Rate: $0.079/kWh
Expected Savings: $8,617
Actual Savings: $16,090

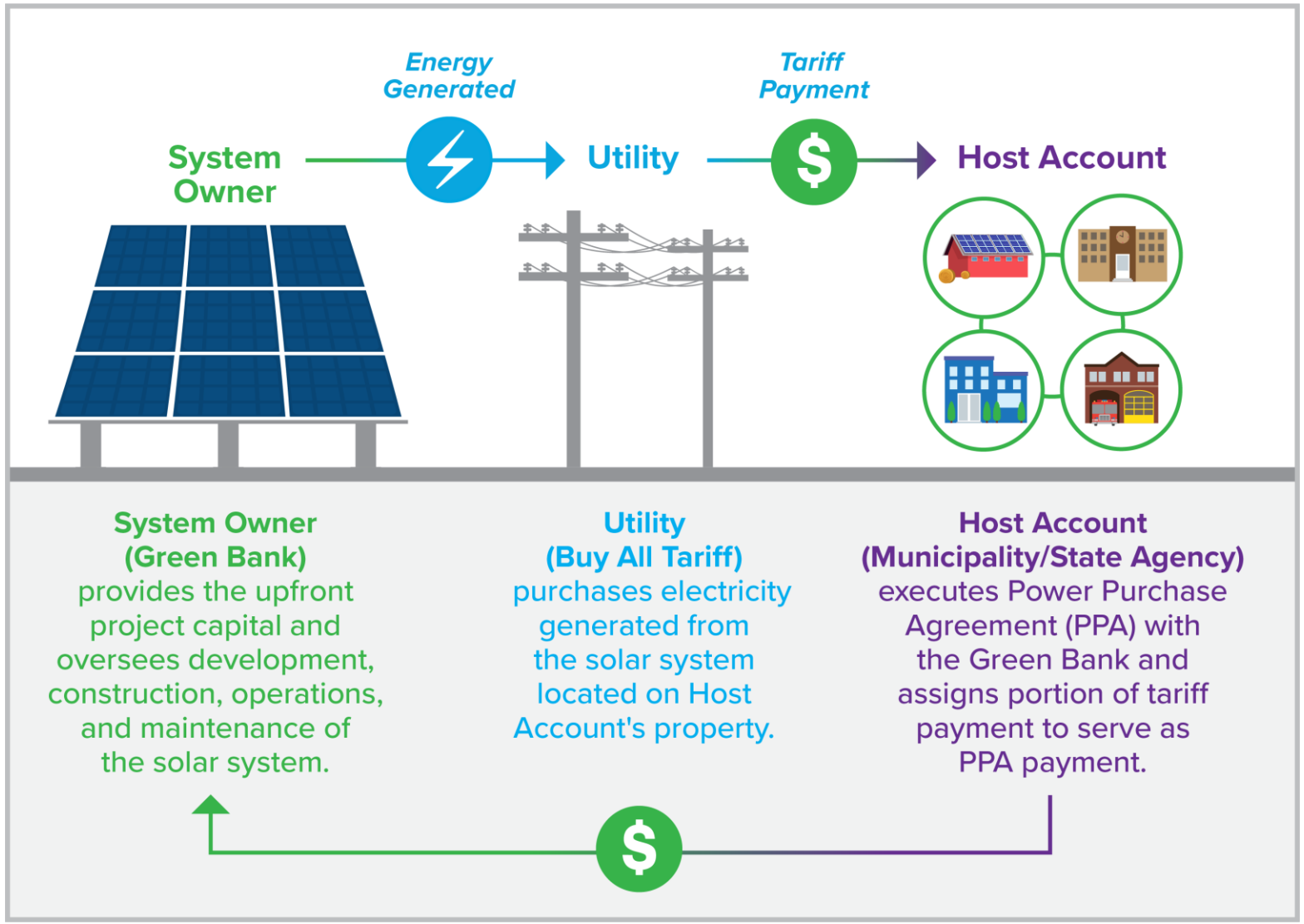
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Time frame analyzed: 9/25/2024-8/25/2025 (11 months)



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How Does it Work? Solar Buy All Sell All PPA



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Layout





CARPORT SYSTEM DETAILS	
SYSTEM SIZE DC	1,302.720 kW
SYSTEM SIZE AC	960.000 kW
PRODUCTION – YEAR 1	1,687,414 kWh
MODULE POWER (W)	590
NUMBER OF MODULES	2,208
ARRAY TILT	7°
ARRAY AZIMUTH	-92°, -70°, -2°, 46°

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Layout

- Front of the meter interconnection
- 1,302.72 kW DC carport installation
- Year 1 production: 1,721,851 kWhs
- Carport Info per RFP:
  - 12' of clearance
  - Snow rails and gutters included for snow and stormwater management

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Robert E Fitch High School – Buy All Sell All PPA

System Size	1,302.72 kW DC
Year 1 Production Estimate	1,721,851 kWhs
Credit Amount per kWh	$.0541
Cumulative Savings Estimate - Year 1	$93,212
Cumulative Savings Estimate - Term	$1,755,300

Savings = kWh production X fixed credit amount per kWh

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Environmental Benefits

This system will offset 1,157 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year. This is equivalent to:



130,171 gallons of gasoline consumed



2,945,928 miles driven by an average gasoline powered passenger vehicle

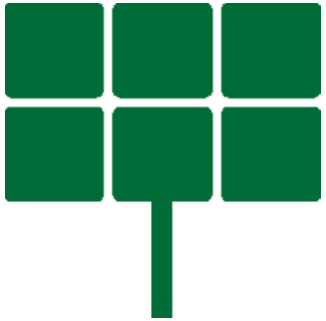


19,128 tree seedlings grown for 10 years.

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Next Steps

- Formal vote on 5/26
  - Authorizing resolution to be executed
- Power Purchase Agreement to be executed
- Development will then formally commence



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