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Local Zero Energy Office Building Recognized by The New Building Institute

231 Main St., a green office building that is home to seven businesses, has a monthly electricity bill of \$35.01. Located in New Paltz, 231 Main St. is a LEED Platinum Certified and Zero Energy Verified facility that augments the benefits of creating a high-performance building. This building, designed by Alfandre Architecture PC, and built by EcoBuilders, Inc., was recently added to the “Zero Energy Verified” list in the 2018 edition of “New Buildings Institute: Getting to Zero” publication. The designing firm, Alfandre Architecture, is owned by High Falls resident Rick Alfandre whom specializes in high-performance, energy-efficient, green building and sustainable design.

The addition of Alfandre Architecture’s building to the New Buildings Institute list establishes 231 Main St. as one of seventeen buildings in the State of New York to have achieved this verification and only one of sixty-seven in North America. Zero Energy Verified projects, on average, use “60% less energy” than equivalent commercial buildings. Alfandre’s office space has been Energy Positive since its opening in 2014, meaning it produces more energy than it consumes. Standout features that pushed 231 Main St. to achieve Zero Energy Verified status include: the use of insulated concrete forms for the building’s foundation and walls, transom windows on the ground floor to maximize daylight, porous paving in the parking lot to reduce “heat island” effect and facilitate healthy storm water management, and grid-tied photovoltaics on the southern facing roof.

Alfandre Architecture has been serving the Hudson Valley for 27 years as a full-service architecture firm, specializing in energy efficient, environmentally friendly, and sustainable green building. To learn more about Alfandre Architecture, visit www.alfandre.com or call 845-255-4774. For more information about the New Buildings Institute visit www.nbi.org



Front Façade of 231 Main St., New Paltz, NY, featuring 34.06kW grid-tied, roof mounted photovoltaic panels and transom windows



Interior Office Space of 231 Main St. featuring maximized daylight which contributes to energy savings