



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018 6:00 PM

THE OPERA HOUSE, 67 MERCHANTS ROW, RUTLAND VERMONT

Attendance: Doug Jesseman, David Mills, Annette Smith, Carrie Dougherty, Mark Goodwin, Eric Mach, David Allaire, David Soulia, Carrie Dougherty, Janet Currie, Russ Marson, David Atherton, Bill Moore, Justin Lindholm, Elizabeth Peyton, Josh Leckey, Devon Neary (RRPC), Barbara Noyes-Pulling (RRPC) and Ed Bove (RRPC)

1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Smith at 6:00 PM. Introductions were made.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Allaire to approve agenda, as presented. Second by Commissioner Mach. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to approve minutes as presented. Second by Allaire. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

4) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Section 248:

- **Babcock Solar Farm, LLC – 2.2 MW Solar Electric Generation Facility, Park Street Extension, Brandon**

CPG petition has been withdrawn from PUC.

- **NextEra Energy LLC, 15 MW Solar Electric Generation Facility, Carver Road, Brandon**

Elizabeth Peyton and Josh Leckey provided an overview of the project and Nextera Energy/Davenport Solar LLC.

Discussion topics included:

- Transmission capacity in area.
- Site design.
- Visibility and aesthetics.
- Natural resource impacts and Otter Creek River Corridor.

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- Wetlands and Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Power Purchase Agreement with Connecticut utilities.
- Prime ag. soils.
- Water Quality improvements due to site no longer in ag. use.
- Geotechnical boring tests (results not in). Blasting could be required.
- Town support for project and positive relationship with developer.
- New substation to be constructed to accommodate project.
- Interconnection study with ISO New England.
- Roadway condition and staging areas needed for project. Concerns over the road condition at the Nextera 20 MW Ludlow project were noted. Developer will upgrade Carver Street and find suitable staging areas for project. Some VTrans Segment 6 staging areas were offered for use by town.

5) ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

6) OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public comment.

For the Committee,
Edward Bove, Executive Director

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