



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 15, 2019

THE OPERA HOUSE, 67 MERCHANTS ROW, RUTLAND VERMONT

Attendance: Doug Jesseman, David Mills, Annette Smith, Mark Goodwin, Eric Mach, David Allaire, Michael Shank, Karen Sommerlad, Glenda Hawley, Simon Brighenti, Jr., William Dodge, Jake Reed, Barbara Noyes-Pulling (RRPC), Mary Kay Skaza (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 Mach to approve agenda, as presented. Second by Commissioner Allaire. Approved voice vote.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2018

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

4) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Section 248:

- **Aegis Renewable Energy, Inc – 500 kW Solar Electric Generation Facility, Quarry Road, Sudbury**

Bove and Sommerlad provided an overview of project - located on a preferred site in the Sudbury Town Plan, which has received an affirmative determination of energy compliance from the PUC. Clearing and habitat blocks were discussed. This project will max out grid capacity in the area. Recommendation: Significant Regional Impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan letter.

- **MHG Solar, LLC, 500 kW Solar Electric Generation Facility, High Road, Poultney**

Preferred Sites letter signed by RRPC in February. Recommendation: Significant Regional Impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan letter.

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- **AT&T – 60-Day Advance Notice, Wireless Telecommunications Facility, 3415 Stage Road, Benson**

Brighenti Jr. provided an overview of the project. Discussion topics included: FristNet, relationship with AT&T, Safety on VT 22A, natural resource constraints, existing and future coverage, monopole tower, co-location for other carriers and Town of Benson Fire Department, and future towers in Mendon, Castleton and Mount Holly. Recommendation: Significant Regional Impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan letter.

- **VELCO – Statewide Radio Project Wireless Communications Facility, Pico Peak, Killington**

Dodge and Reed provided an overview of project. Discussion topics included: tenants on existing tower, space limitations, new lattice tower and facility, Vermont Statewide Radio Project, natural resource constraints, co-location, lighting, construction timetable (August – October) and existing and future coverage.

Commissioner Goodwin noted the continued lack of coverage in Shrewsbury and articulated the wide-ranging impacts of this issue including, life safety, town operations, tourism, emergency management response, recreation and inconvenience - and the irony of the towers being visible from the town. Recommendation: Significant Regional Impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan letter

b) Act 250:

- **Pamal Broadcasting, Ltd. – Tower Extension, Killington Peak, Killington and Mendon**

Hawley provided an overview of project. Discussion topics included: Catamount Radio, other towers on Killington Peak, existing lattice tower, natural resource constraints, co-location, lighting, existing and future coverage and impact to surrounding towns. Commissioner Goodwin noted the lack of positive impacts to Shrewsbury. Dodge stated that he would try to assist with the coverage issue Shrewsbury.

Recommendation: Significant Regional Impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan letter.

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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