

Agenda:

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Act 250/Section 248 Committee

4:30 pm February 4, 2016

1. Call to Order

2. Act 250 reviews:

On 1/14, ACRPC received an Act 250 application for the re-development of the Gevry Mobile home park off Maple Street in Waltham. This 14 home park has been closed for a few years and is being purchased by the Addison County Community Trust to be redeveloped into 14 mobile homes joined into duplexes. In reviewing the application, it looks like this is an improvement to the current situation. The only flag raised is that the park is in close proximity to Otter Creek and may fall under river corridor and floodplain restrictions. Tim has placed a call to the regional floodplain manager and expects a return call prior to the committee meeting.

3. Section 248 Application Reviews:

On 1/26, ACRPC received a complete application for Sunrise Orchards and VT Refrigerated Storage (45 day notice was previously reviewed as Aegis Wind LLC. in Shoreham. This is the project planned west of the former Shoreham Apple Coop on land owned by them which is to serve the same. The project calls for a 420kw array the location of which was reviewed on site by Tim as previously reported. The project appears to fit in well as an add-on to the pre-existing industrial site. The company has agreed to a landscape plan which should reduce the overall visual impact as seen from Shoreham village.

4. 45 Day Notice reviews:

On 1/20, Sun Edison Origination 1 LLC submitted a notice to construct a 500kw solar array on property at the corner of Town Line Road and Rte 22a in Addison. The location is somewhat screened by existing trees but will be located on top of a small rise. Should the trees be removed, this project may be "skylined". Further review is encouraged. The GMP distribution line map shows Red with 4.1mw in place and an additional 8.5mw planned

Also on 1/20, Sun Edison Origination 1 LLC submitted a notice to construct a 500kw solar array at 204 Walker Rd. in Ferrisburgh. The project is located on a side road with a relatively flat topography. This location is exposed on all 4 sides and will likely need considerable screening to reduce its visibility. The GMP distribution line shows Red with 6mw in place and an additional 1.3mw planned.

On 1/20, Sun Edison Origination 1 LLC submitted a notice of intent to construct a 496kw solar array at 3614 Case Street in Middlebury. This site appears to be well screened from Rte 116. The largest potential for aesthetic impact is for 5-6 mobile homes located in a nearby mobile home park. This project is located on a GMP yellow distribution line with .3mw connected and another .5mw planned.

5. Correspondence:

ACRPC has received copies of Vermont Individual Wetland Permit applications for installation of 2 culverts to pass water under the VT Railway tracks in New Haven and Ferrisburgh. These permits are necessary due to the potential impacts on class II wetlands. These locations seem to be far off any roads and lie next to relatively large wetlands. Staff suggests ACRPC trust ANR to effectively review these applications.

Other correspondence includes:

Town of New Haven motions to intervene on SunCSA solar 61 proposed for 601 Sawyer Rd, SunCSA solar 69 proposed for 955 Hallock Rd and BDE New Haven Lazar Solar proposed for Rte #17 in New Haven.

Motions to intervene by VT Div Historic Preservation and Allco Renewable Energy for the GMP Panton 5mw solar proposal.

Revised sound studies for the three GLC projects and testimony by DPS on Next Generation's connection applicability.

6. Other Business

7. Adjourn