

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## Act 250/Section 248 Committee Minutes November 5, 2015

### Members present:

Ellen Kurrelmeyer, Chair; Steve Revell; Jeremy Grip; Mary Anne Sullivan; Steve Pilcher; Andrew Manning; Ross Conrad

### Staff present:

Adam Lougee

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Meeting began at 4:30 pm. Ellen Kurrelmeyer chaired the meeting. She noted that the agenda contained five significant items.

She and Steve Revell also noted that the committee really appreciated the summaries of each project and recommended actions that staff provided.

1. Solar Siting Committee. Adam noted he had been appointed to the statewide solar siting committee. He distributed a draft of the comments he intended to submit for the next discussion. The Committee supported the comments included.
2. Comfort Hill Solar Vergennes. The Committee reviewed this application and staff comments and the comments made by the City of Vergennes. All agreed that the array was well sited and did not warrant further discussion or investigation.
3. GMP Panton Proposed solar facility 5MW on Panton Road. The committee reviewed the summary of the project created by staff and the maps of the facility provided by the developer. The requested that staff invite GMP/Gro Solar, the developers to the next meeting and encouraged staff to review the project in greater depth and return with comments on the site plan and any other recommendations they develop. They also instructed staff to coordinate with the Town of Panton.
4. BDE Route 17 New Haven (Firehouse). The committee instructed staff to follow-up investigation on this project, especially into the extent the hedgerow screening the project would need to be cut. They also instructed staff to ask the developer to include a good viewshed study with the application both from the public road and the neighboring property.
5. BDE Route 7 Police Barracks New Haven- Adam noted that ACRPC had written comments on this application previously in support of New haven's plan. Adam had recently learned that the project had not passed the "fast track" analysis regarding line capacity. The Town of New Haven had requested ACRPC's support in investigating this issue. The committee voted to have Adam write a letter to the public service board supporting its inquiry into the capacity of the grid in the area to support this project.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully,  
Adam Lougee

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