

Minutes:

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Act 250/Section 248 Committee

4:30 pm December 3, 2015

1. Call to Order

2. Application reviews:

Conducted a review of Shoreham GLC Solar, LLC application to construct a 150kw group net metered solar array at 876 Shoreham Depot Rd. in the Town of Shoreham. 260 ft of an existing hedgerow will be removed along the road and the committee would like to see depictions from the road without the hedgerow.

Conducted a review of Acorn Energy 150 kw net metered solar array to be located on Watch Point Road in the Town of Shoreham. The committee felt that the project is well suited and no action was taken.

The committee next began to discuss the GMP map recently published on their website. The map shows distribution lines in green, red, and yellow. Because it is unclear what the map is trying to show, the committee asked Tim to see if a representative from GMP could attend the next meeting of the committee.

Reviewed an application by GMP to reconductor parts of the 46kw line that runs from the Silver Lake generation plant on Lake Dunmore in Salisbury to East Middlebury. The committee had no concerns about this project and wondered how it related to the GMP map previously discussed.

3. 45 Day Notice reviews:

The committee reviewed the Vergennes GLC Solar project proposed for 1069 Panton Rd. in Panton. The 500kw is separated from Panton Rd and the nearest neighbors by a hedgerow which is currently not expected to be removed. No action taken but some discussion ensued whether ACRPC would be able to request that the hedgerow not be removed.

The committee next reviewed Ferrisburgh GLC Solar proposed for Basin Harbor Rd. in Ferrisburgh. The 500kw project is located 700-800 ft from the road and no removal of trees is currently shown. There was discussion about the fact that the hedgerows in many projects are not a part of the project and are therefore not governed by the PSB.

The committee reviewed the Addison GLC Solar project proposed for the east side of Lake St. The committee felt that this project is well sited behind some old barns and would not be visible from the road.

4. Correspondence:

Correspondence was indicated by Tim as included in the agenda information and no action was taken. Tim reported that he and Adam had visited the GMP Panton site with the developers and found it to be quite far off the road and that GMP was prepared to do considerable screening as requested by Panton.

5. Meeting scheduling for the year. Meetings will stay the same as have been for the past year. They will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 at ACRPC.

6. Other Business- None

7. Adjourn: 6:30

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