



BCRC Regional Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023 at 4:15 PM

BCRC Office and Zoom

Attendees: Wayn Goodman (chair), Jeannie Jenkins, Jim Sullivan, Bruce Lierman, Bill Christian, Ellen Maloney

BCRC Staff: Bill Colvin, Janet Hurley, and Callie Fishburn

Other: Jeff Nelson, Reed Wills, and Steve Yates (Shaftsbury Solar Project Team)

Wayn Goodman called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM.

Approval of minutes from last meeting on July 6, 2023

Motion by Jeannie Jenkins, seconded by Bill Christian. Motion passed unanimously.

Update from Shaftsbury Solar Project Team

Jeff Nelson and Reed Wills gave an update on several pending items related to the project including the North Bennington water line and the temporary access road off of Route 7.

- The plans for the North Bennington water line are being finalized.
- Approval of the temporary access road by VTrans has been delayed due to the summer flooding, but the project team expects to file the road design and traffic management plan with VTrans in November. Approval of this temporary access road is separate from the Section 248 process.
- The project team indicated that they are open to modest design changes but the size of the array is unlikely to change.
- They have begun the offtake process and are in conversations with GMP.

Discussion of BCRC Comments on VT Real Estate Holdings CPG Petition for Shaftsbury Solar Project

The committee reviewed draft BCRC comments on the Shaftsbury Solar project and proposed several edits. An updated draft will be sent to the committee for final review before submission to the Public Utility Commission at the end of October.

Update on Stamford Wind Project

Norwich Technologies submitted a 45-Day Advance Notice for a 2.2 MW wind turbine on private land in Stamford. The proposed location of the turbine is not a preferred site as identified in the Stamford Energy Plan and is less than 1km from the nearest residence. *The Bennington County Regional Energy Plan* recommends a 1km residential buffer for wind turbines. BCRC staff will attend a meeting in Stamford next week to discuss the wind project.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45PM