



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## RRPC REGIONAL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024, 6:00 PM

### MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 224 634 587 902, Pass: dBEdSy | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 641 278 173#

In-Person: 16 Evelyn Street, Second Floor, Rutland, VT 05701

### MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: David Rosenblum, Jack Schneider, John Sabotka, Donna Wilson, Sarah Pelkey, Leona Minard, Bronson Spencer, Erika Berner and Heather Thomas.

Staff: Devon Neary, Karen Hill, Jeremy Gildrien, Tom Garden, and Alex Bravakis.

### MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee was called to order at 6:06PM by Chair Minard. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AGENDA

Motion to approve the October 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda by Rosenblum. Second by Schneider. Approved by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 17<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sabotka. Second by Thomas. Approved by voice vote.

4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

None present.

5. SECTION 248

[\(24-2905-AN\)](#) 45-Day advance submission of Silver Silo Solar, LLC for a 500kW group net-metered solar array in North Clarendon, Vermont

Tom Garden from Silver Silo Solar presented on his project for a 500kW group net-metered solar array. The location is near the intersection of Alfrechia, Middle, and Moulton Roads. Designated a preferred site by the town in late 2022 and by the RRPC in early 2023. No impacts to prime agricultural soils and away from a flood zone. The town expressed concern about viewsheds and the developer will be implementing a landscape mitigation area along Middle Road. Garden is requesting letter designating a preferred site by the RRPC. Sarah Pelkey asked to be recused due to a prior employment conflict. Motion by Spencer to sign the letter provided by Garden. Second by Rosenblum. Approved by voice vote.

[24-3048-AN](#) 45-Day advance submission of Novus Brandon Solar LLC for a 150kW group net-metered solar array in Brandon, Vermont



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Alex Bravakis from Novus Energy presented on a 150kW net-metered solar array. The location is off of Robert Wood Drive. The area is under an acre and is shrubby and will need to be cleared. The project was originally intended to be owned by the Town of Brandon. The project has received support from the Town as a preferred site. No impacts to prime agricultural soils. There regional plan does restrict forest clearing, but this area is within the industrial park and not considered a northern hardwood forest. Commissioner Schneider spoke in favor of the project and stated that the area is not fully forested. Bravakis is requesting letter designating a preferred site by the RRPC. Motion by Spencer to recommend to the full board signing the letter provided by Bravakis. Second by Rosenblum. Approved by voice vote.

[24-3028-AN](#) 45-day-advance submission of Boardman Storage, LLC for a 5 MW battery storage facility in W. Rutland, Vermont

Gildrien presented information on the 5MW battery storage facility on Boardman Hill in West Rutland. The project is not located on prime agricultural soils and is near a transmission line. Motion to recommend to the full board  
Motion by Rosenblum to take no action. Second by Spencer. Approved by voice vote.

6. ADJOURN  
Adjourned at 6:53 PM.