

NVDA Wind Study Committee – Meeting #1 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2013

In attendance: Steve Patterson (NVDA), Jim Greenwood (NVDA – Committee Chair), Dave Snedeker (NVDA – Committee Staff), Farley Brown (Craftsbury- Committee), Robert Croteau (Barton - Committee), Steve Amos (Wheelock). Absent: Mark Whitworth (Newark – Committee).

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by D. Snedeker. Introductions made.

D. Snedeker presented the group with copies of the following:

1. The *NVDA Board Resolution* of July 2012 recommending a suspension of industrial-scale wind turbines exceeding 200 ft. in height for a three-year period to allow for further study.
2. The December 6, 2012 draft of the NVDA Regional *Energy Strategy*. Public hearings on the strategy were held in January 2013, with adoption expected in late March 2013.
3. ANR draft *Guidelines for the Review and Evaluation of Potential Natural Resources Impacts from Utility Scale Wind Energy Facilities in Vermont*.
4. Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission *Draft Possibilities and Options (2/3/13)*. To inform the committee of the appointed Siting Commission's work and progress.
5. NVDA's Wind Study – Draft Outline and Study Timeline. The outline was put together by NVDA staff and reviewed by the NVDA Executive Committee at an earlier meeting. Also provided were written comments/suggestions from M. Whitworth on the outline.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing all of the documents presented, with much of that time focused on the Wind Study Outline.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Minutes by D. Snedeker