

NVDA Wind Study Committee – Meeting #2 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2013

In attendance: Jim Greenwood (NVDA – Committee Chair), Dave Snedeker (NVDA – Committee Staff), Farley Brown (Craftsbury- Committee), Robert Croteau (Barton - Committee), 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 a revised study outline that reflected the comments from the February 20 meeting, as well as written comments that were received by Committee members.

The group first discussed the study outline, beginning with the purpose, and posing additional questions for consideration including: Does the region have a role in generating electricity for export? If we have excess generation capacity in the region at present, why don't we utilize that instead of developing more generation resources?

J. Greenwood led the group through the revised outline and asked for Committee Members to assume responsibilities for gathering information on items in the outline:

- D. Snedeker will collect information on regional demographics, land use patterns, and the economy
- M. Whitworth will work on Regional Electricity Demand Projections (revisit VT Electric Plan)
- J. Greenwood will gather information on the Regional Transmission System
- D. Snedeker will contact former NVDA staff for Regional Electric Generation Capacity information specifics (much was in regional Energy Plan)
- F. Brown will work to find student resources to assist with collecting wind resource information and data for the study
- J. Greenwood will collect information on impacts to public health
- Gloria Bruce (NEKTTA) will be contacted to see if there have been impacts on local/regional tourism
- F. Brown will continue collecting information on wildlife and natural resource studies that have been done to date.

F. Brown presented the group with a list of environmental studies that she has collected to date.

The group discussed inviting a few 'expert' speakers to attend committee meetings to ask questions and provide input on industrial scale wind projects. Dave Halquist (VEC) and Billy Coster (ANR) were the first two speakers mentioned.

Next meeting date set for 6:30 p.m. April 3, 2013 at the Barton Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Minutes by D. Snedeker