

NVDA Wind Study Committee – Meeting #6 – 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013 – Barton Municipal Building

In attendance: Jim Greenwood (NVDA – Committee Chair), Dave Snedeker (NVDA – Committee Staff), Robert Croteau (Barton - Committee), Mark Whitworth (Newark – Committee), and John Morley (NVDA Board President). Guests: John Soininen and Travis Bullard from Eolian Renewable Energy LLC. Also in attendance: John Lewandowski (Newark), Robin Smith (Orleans County Record), Noreen Hession (Newark), Kathleen Nelson (Brighton), Keith Ballek (Sheffield), Ann Stevens (Greensboro), JoAnn Stefanski (Barton), and Pam Arborio (Brighton).

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by J. Greenwood. Welcome to guests and committee introductions made.

D. Snedeker discussed: NVDA Board Resolution recommending suspension of industrial-scale wind for further study; formation of NVDA Study Committee and development of outline; invitations to experienced speakers/representatives by Committee to inform study. Snedeker asked the guests to speak on wind industry and their roles as project developers.

J. Soininen presented a power point presentation that covered climate change, impacts associated with non-renewable energy generation resources, renewable energy generation options, VT's energy plan goals, and the development of wind resources in VT. The presentation also included information on the proposed Seneca Mountain Wind project. ***J. Soininen provided the full presentation to NVDA on July 2, 2013. The presentation should be considered part of these meeting notes.*** Following the presentation Mr. Soininen then took questions from the Committee and the public. Some of his responses to the related questions asked included:

“Wind generators would reduce the amount of combustion needed at fossil fuel plants” – What percentage of wind generation is needed to close a fossil fuel plant?

“Market prices directly impact investors, but renewable portfolio requirements lessen market factors” - What impact do market prices have on investors?

“Wind resources are must-run facilities”

The Committee did not set a next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by D. Snedeker