

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Plan and Project Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023**

Members present:

- Dick Goff *Video* Judy Bickford Leo Clark Rich Pearson
Video
- Maxfield Jeff Tilton
English Video

Staff: Tasha Wallis, Seth Jensen, Georgeana Little

Guest: Randy Buker

Dick Goff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Changes to the Agenda and Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no changes to the agenda and no public comment.

Approval of April 25, 2023 Minutes

Jeff Tilton motioned to accept the April 25, 2023 minutes. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Vermont Green Energy Systems – Walnut Lane Wind (Wolcott)

Randy Buker, the applicant, came to the meeting to answer any questions the committee may have.

Seth Jensen explained that the project consists of one wind turbine which will generate 15.6KW, making it a small scale project. This will be the first small scale project we have had since the Energy section of the Regional Plan was approved. The Regional Plan supports the use of renewable energy but discourages commercial wind projects. This project falls well below the criterion for commercial wind. The applicant, Randy Buker, calls it a backyard project. The project is also in conformance with the Land Use policy outlined in the Regional Plan. Members asked a few questions of Randy Buker with the following replies:

- The power will be converted to 2 phase to go to the grid.
- Morrisville Water and Light have been notified of the project.
- He has a contract with a power company for 20 years.
- There are no visibility problems with the siting.
- No balloon test was done because it was deemed impractical.

Leo Clark motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors that the staff be directed to write a letter to the Public Utilities Commission, with copies to the applicant and the Town, indicating that the project was in conformance with the Regional Plan and reserving the right to revisit the issue if the project changes. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Judy Bickford motioned to adjourn. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.