Natural Resources Committee  
March 19, 2014 meeting  
Approved Minutes

Attendance  
Commissioners: Maggie Bartenhagen, Chair, Andy Toepfer, John Whitman, Mary Alice Hebert, Nick Bartenhagen  
Staff: Chris Campany

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm

Minutes: 
On a motion by John Whitman, seconded by Nick Bartenhagen, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Draft Minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting as presented.

Presentation:  

Andy provided a cogent, cohesive and sequential presentation of the fundamental principals undergirding the efficacy and efficiency of geothermal heat exchange (ground-source heat pump / “geo-exchange”) technology, the various open- and closed-loop systems currently available for implementation, residential and commercial applicability, economic aspects, and his vision for the future of this technology, as well as photovoltaic solar as Vermont moves toward realization of its Comprehensive Energy Plan. Following the presentation, he responded deftly, authoritatively and informatively to a number of questions posed by committee members.

Staffing  
Dinah has left WRC to take a job at Yakima County, WA. Maggie will work with John Bennett, who will be providing staff support, about the Committee’s game plan, e.g., for educational fora.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Bartenhagen