



Project Review Committee Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM
via Zoom**

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Note: Jim will recuse himself as Chair for the Great River Hydro 4.2-Megawatt agenda item (#5) due to his potential conflict of interest. Another Committee member will act as Chair for that agenda item.

2. Minutes

Review and vote on approval of draft minutes of February 2025 meeting.

3. Public Comment Period

This time is the opportunity for members of the public to comment on non-agenda items. Comments should be limited to five minutes, at the discretion of the Chair.

4. Great River Hydro 3.5 Megawatt Solar – Vernon - 24-3714-AN

Address: land between Fort Bridgeman Road and Governor Hunt Road in Vernon

Land Use District: Productive Rural

Potential Policies (pages 12-51): Energy 1, 3, 11, 14, 15

Background: 4.2 MW AC solar electric generation facility that proposes to occupy 14.46 acres (\pm) on a parcel of land which totals 31.6 acres (\pm), located off Governor Hunt Rd. in Vernon. The project will be interconnected to Great River Hydro's existing hydro facility located in Vernon. From there the electricity will be transmitted to the regional high voltage electric transmission system. Although it would be possible for the project to sell its output to any wholesale load customer in the region, it is anticipated that all of the electricity and environmental attributes generated from the Project will be sold to a local Vermont-based utility under a long-term agreement.

This project was discussed in February 2025. This second discussion will focus on changes to the project since that time and the applicant's request for a letter of regional plan compliance. The applicant has addressed concerns regarding aesthetics, wetlands, and natural resources, and it has protected an archaeologically sensitive area. The project AC output capacity has been reduced by 17% from 4.2 Megawatts to 3.5 Megawatts.

ACTION: Determination of regional significance and any action at this time.

5. Recent Decisions and Updates

- Relocation of 20 mobile homes out of flood hazard area in Tri-Park Mobile Home Park – Brattleboro - 2W0260-13 – permitted 6/4/25

- Installation of light poles for Sawyer Field at BUHS – Brattleboro – 700017-9 – permitted 6/4/25
- Upgrade of drinking water system at Shady Pines Park – Westminster – 2W0250-2 – permitted 5/16/25

6. **Next meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 5th. Determination of a need to hold the meeting will be made closer to that date and the Committee will be informed either way.

7. **Adjourn**