

**Minutes of the
NVDA Regional Energy Compliance Hearing for the
Craftsbury Municipal Plan
Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 7 PM**

NVDA Staff: Alison Low

Representing Town of Craftsbury: Farley Brown, Annie Rowell, Rudy Chase, David Rowell, Ross Davis – Craftsbury Planning Commission; Amelia Fritz – Craftsbury Energy Committee; Susan Houston – Craftsbury Selectboard

The hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.

Alison Low explained that the Town of Craftsbury has requested a determination of energy compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352. This determination requires a staff review using the planning standards checklist created by the VT Department of Public Service. NVDA staff Irene Nagle completed the compliance review and found that the plan met all the required standards.

Following the hearing, a certificate of energy compliance signed by NVDA executive director, David Snedeker, will be issued.

There were no comments on the enhanced energy plan, but Amelia Fritz wanted to know how COVID had impacted activities of energy committees, noting that their plans to hold an event making window inserts had to be postponed because of social distancing requirements. Alison noted that there has been a marked pivot to online programming, such as webinars. However, she said that she hoped that energy committees would continue to use online resources post-pandemic, as they are a great way to reach new audiences.

There may have been an uptick in weatherization activities due to an infusion of COVID relief funds. New data should be out this spring to confirm this.

The Town of Craftsbury hosted an effort to distribute firewood to families in need. Farley Brown noted that the Town had received a grant to do some more distribution of firewood. Sterling students would be splitting the wood over the next two weeks.

The hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.