

**Minutes of the NVDA Regional Energy Compliance Hearing
for the St. Johnsbury Municipal Plan
Thursday, September 23, 2021**

NVDA Staff: Irene Nagle

Representing Town of St. Johnsbury Energy Committee: Pam Parker, Scott Campbell, John Ajamie

The hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.

Irene Nagle explained the purpose of the review of the town plan for 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. 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, and the NVDA Board President will be issued.

At this point, participants discussed current initiatives. It was noted that the use of non-fossil fuel energy should be part of the Armory redevelopment project. Irene mentioned that NVDA is receiving funding to hire an energy planning consultant who can work with towns in the region to implement their energy plans. The consultant, once hired, could work with the energy committee and town to help facilitate this objective. Could apply for grants related to renewable energy. The possibility of preferential rates from GMP for building load in a strategic location was also discussed. Irene mentioned that Efficiency Vermont also provides technical assistance to evaluate different options and come up with a cost analysis of different systems.

No comments were received from members of the public via email, or in person.

The hearing closed at 6:18 PM.