

**Minutes of the  
NVDA Regional Energy Compliance Hearing for the  
Sutton Municipal Plan  
Monday, March 22nd, 2021 at 6 PM**

NVDA Staff: Alison Low

Representing Town of Sutton: Robert Simms, Darlene Ahrens, Hank Parker, Byron Savoy, Paul Brouha

The hearing opened at 6:11 p.m.

Alison Low explained that the Town of Sutton 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. No board vote is required.

Robert Simms commented that the energy plan looked like a sizeable amount of work. He wanted to know how long it took to complete the update. Darlene Ahrens said that it took about a year. The original plan was adopted in 2019. This enhanced energy plan was an amendment to the existing plan.

Paul Brouha spoke about a recent news of Green Mountain Power's 30- year contract to purchase power from Great River Hydro at a price that is significantly lower than corresponding power prices (between 4.5 and 4.7 cents per kWh). Why can't the smaller municipality utilities like Lyndonville Electric (and Vermont Public Power Supply Authority) do something like this – and pass the savings to the ratepayers? Paul has reached out to Dave Snedeker and John Morley (who is on the executive board) to explore options. It appears that flow studies are needed, so finding a way to pay for the flow studies may be the next logical step.

The hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.