## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION Project Review Committee July 25, 2024 4:00pm Remote Participation via Zoom

## **Draft Minutes**

## **Project Review Committee Members**

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- 2 W. Pitkin provided further analysis of whether projects conformed to the Berlin Town Plan then
- summarized characteristics of the project sites' land use area (Rural as identified in the Regional Plan's
   Future Land Use Map).
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- 6 R. Wernecke summarized the history of the project sites and whether they faced local opposition from
- 7 residents or the Town of Berlin. C. Meyer noted that the Comstock Road project had also previously
- 8 received a preferred site letter of support from the town government prior to CVRPC issuing its letter. J.
- 9 Brabant joined the meeting at 4:27pm. Committee discussed whether projects would involve tree
- 10 clearing, disturbing prime agricultural soils or wetlands, and visual screening.
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12 Committee discussed whether to comment on the projects – C. Meyer reiterated that CVRPC is not

- required to comment on either. J. Brabant suggested that if CVRPC were to comment, we should wait until the end of the advance notice comment period and that this is good protocol for CVRPC when
- 15 reviewing future projects.
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- 17 J. Brabant asked whether the applicants provided information on the proposed offtaker(s) of the energy
- 18 the projects would generate and whether the energy would count toward renewable energy credits and
- 19 renewable energy targets in Vermont. Staff will follow up with Green Mountain Power to answer these
- 20 questions. 21

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## 22 Updates on Recent Act 250 / Section 248 Applications & Projects of Substantial Regional Impact

- 24 Staff provided updates on recent applications.
- 25 26 Committee discussed when they would like to review Section 248 and Act 250 applications and possible 27 procedures for review. Staff will continue drafting a possible procedure and discuss with the committee
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- 30 Adjournment
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- 32 J. Brabant moved to adjourn, A. Peal seconded, all in favor, motion carried.