

**VERNON PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION –
MEETING MINUTES**

September 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM Vernon Town Office Building

Members Present – Bob Spencer, Maddy Arms, Jeff Dunklee, Jessica Freeman Earp, Martin Langeveld, Patty O’Donnell, Janet Rasmussen

Other Attendees – Josh Unruh (Chair, Selectboard) Steve Skibniowsky, (Selectboard liaison), Art Miller, David Carpenter (PC Attorney), Michelle Pong (Vernon Town Administrator)

Bob Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Public Input: None

Approval of VPC minutes of previous meeting(s):

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously accept the minutes of the VPC meeting of August 9, 2017

Consider pre-filed testimony of Vernon Planning Commission (Bob Leach and David Carpenter) to Vermont Public Utility Commission docket #8880 regarding proposed sale of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC to NorthStar Group Services, Inc.

- Bob Leach presented his findings to the PC.
 - Mr. Leach is the Technical Advisor engaged by the Planning Commission to research and render an opinion on two issues (rubbelization and site restoration) that the PC has focused on for its written testimony to the Public Utilities Commission.
 - Post his very thorough and thoughtful presentation, the Commission discussed his recommendations which support the use of rubbelization as part of Northstar’s decommissioning process and supports Northstar’s outline of its site restoration plan. Members then decided to accept Mr. Leach’s recommendations (with many thanks for his work).

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Bob Leach’s report and to submit it and his written testimony to the Public Utilities Commission.

- *Both the report and testimony as filed are being submitted as part of these minutes.*
- David Carpenter provided members with a draft of testimony to be filed with the Public Utilities Commission under Bob Spencer’s name on behalf of the Planning Commission (as Intervenors in the CPG process).

- After a long discussion and several edits, members approved a new draft testimony.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the draft written testimony to be submitted to the PUC under Bob Spencer's name on behalf of the Planning Commission.

- *Testimony as filed have are being submitted as part of these minutes.*

- **New Business:**

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to support an application for a 2018 Municipal Planning Grant for development of a master plan for the proposed Vernon Village Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m. (Minutes submitted by Janet Rasmussen)

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission members may attend a meeting of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Committee (NDCAP) meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Brattleboro Middle School Auditorium**