

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Vermont Green Line Committee
ADOPTED Minutes
Nov. 15, 2016**

The Vermont Green Line Committee (VGL Committee) met at the town clerk's office on Nov. 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Committee Members present: John Bull, Craig Heindel, Jim Warden.

Committee Members absent: Vaughn Collins, Keith Wagner.

Other Attendees: None.

6:12 pm: Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Craig explained that he has been engaged to provide hydrogeological consulting services to the environmental consulting firm that is managing the environmental permitting issues in the Public Service Board application process for Swanton Wind, a 7-tower proposed commercial wind farm in Swanton. Leslie Cadwell is Swanton Wind's attorney in their PSB process, so he will be coordinating his hydrogeological evaluation and expert testimony with Cadwell. She is also VGL's attorney in their PSB process. Craig is providing full disclosure of this situation to the committee, and later this evening he will do the same at the Selectboard meeting.

Craig noted that he has spoken with attorneys Ben Marks and Jim Carroll (town attorneys), and they both agree that this situation does not represent a legal conflict of interest. Craig agreed with this assessment, but he noted his concern about the perception issue. Jim W. and John B. stated that they see no conflict, and no perception issue as long as Craig is providing full disclosure. They both want him to stay on the committee and participate fully. Craig agrees that he would like to fully participate in the committee.

Jim W. moved to recommend to the Selectboard that the committee does not see any conflict of interest in this situation, and that Craig should remain on, and fully participate in the committee if he desires.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

2. Update on draft HTA from VGL: Craig reported that Ben Marks had just forwarded to him, late this afternoon, VGL's latest draft HTA, plus the unchanged earlier draft of the S.1111 permit that VGL had proposed earlier, and Ben provided a brief summary of a short phone call he had with Atty Cadwell. VGL did not provide any details of the financial security measures or possible funding mechanisms that the VGL Committee specifically requested at our last meeting with VGL on Sept. 27, 2016. Cadwell told Marks that VGL is looking into a form of Letter of Credit as a mechanism to deal with future road maintenance issues, but she does not have a document to share at this time.

Craig moved, John Bull seconded, and after discussion the committee members voted unanimously to tell the town attorney that the committee will wait to receive a document providing the details of VGL's proposed mechanism to deal with future road maintenance issues. This financial security topic is so critical to the committee's perspective on this proposed project that it would not be fruitful for the committee to review the two recently-offered draft documents without also having VGL's proposed financial mechanism to review as well.

Next Committee Meeting: None scheduled.

6:18 pm: Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Craig seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

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