

Neil Fulton

From: Christine lang <cmlangvt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 7:30 PM
To: Neil Fulton
Subject: Rutland Town Resolution
Attachments: Rutland Town Resolution(1).pdf

Hello I talked to Bonnie,

Thank you for your service to Vermonters and your desire to make Vermont the best place possible for all who live here. I appreciated talking to you about this resolution. We know your job is not an easy one and becomes more complicated every year with changing legislation. Some of that legislation has spurred grave concern among Vermont residents, Selectboards, Regional Planning Commissions, Legislators, and more.

Attached is the Rutland Town Resolution that was distributed about a year ago. The Resolution addresses the input of municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects in the certificate of public good proceedings before the Public Service Board. To date, at least 70 municipalities have signed on. We are working with several legislators on implementing new bills that will protect our beautiful landscape, the health and welfare of the residents, our property value investments, water quality, and more.

We ask that you forward this Resolution to your Selectboard and encourage them to sign on. If enough of our voices are heard they will have to listen to us!

A selectboard may register its adoption of the resolution by emailing a scanned image of the signed resolution to: rutlandtown@rutlandtown.com

For questions, call Joseph at [802-770-5072](tel:802-770-5072).

You may also mail your signed resolution to:
Rutland Town Administrator
181 Business Route 4
CENTER RUTLAND, VT 05736

You may go here for more information and to see the current towns that have signed on:
<http://energizevermont.org/energy-rebellion-towns/>

On **January 20** we convened at the Statehouse for a day of education. As part of this big day we presented the Rutland Resolution and the number of towns signed on to various legislative committees.

Thank you. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Swanton Wind Opposition (Swanton, Fairfield)

Rutland Town Resolution

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE INPUT OF VERMONT MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING THE SITING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has set aggressive goals for the development of renewable energy in Vermont.

WHEREAS, as a result of these aggressive goals the number of certificate of public good (CPG) applications before the Public Service Board (PSB) has increased substantially.

WHEREAS, at best, the current CPG process provided by 30 V.S.A. §248 affords a limited and ineffectual role for Vermont municipalities, municipal planning commissions, and town selectboards. Regardless of the content, scope, or impact on a proposed renewable energy project or a municipality's efforts to have a say in the project's siting, the §248 process and the legal analysis employed by the PSB enable the PSB to disregard and/or avoid the policies and standards of the very municipality in which the renewable energy project is to be located. By focusing on regional impacts, to the exclusion of local municipal impacts, the PSB routinely ignores the input and evidence offered by Vermont municipalities. As a result, the "due consideration" of municipal viewpoints required by 30 V.S.A. §248(b)(1) has become consideration in name only.

WHEREAS, it has become clear that legislative changes are needed to afford Vermont municipalities a greater say in the approval and siting of renewable energy projects.

THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED by the undersigned Vermont municipalities, to instruct their state representatives and senators to develop amendments to the statutes that concern the siting and approval of renewable energy projects and to the procedures of the PSB in order to ensure that Vermont municipalities have a more meaningful role in the CPG process and to require compliance with appropriately-developed municipal siting standards.