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Burlington Planning Commission Long Range Planning Committee Special Meeting Agenda Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 12:00pm Conference Room 17, City Hall, 149 Church Street

1. Agenda & Introductions

2. Regional Energy Plan Mapping

The Committee will review materials prepared by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) related to the development of a Regional Energy Plan and local renewable energy generation maps. These efforts will help implement the State of Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan and Act 174 legislation. The Committee will discuss local constraints to renewable energy generation to recommend to the CCRPC's process.

Information about the Regional Energy Plan project is available at:

<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/regional-energy-plan/>

A presentation regarding energy generation maps for Burlington is available at:

https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/BurlingtonPC_2011109.pdf

3. Announcements

4. Adjourn

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Burlington Planning Commission Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 12:00pm

Commissioners Present: H Roen, J Wallace-Brodeur, E Lee, D Lane
Staff: M Tuttle, D White

1. **Agenda**

Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

2. **Regional Energy Plan Mapping**

M Tuttle explained that we have received draft constraints maps for wind and solar energy generation for Burlington. Need to discuss additions/changes to local constraints to advise development of Regional Energy Plan for the CCRPC. Focused at this time only on the energy maps, will review/comment other elements of the Regional Energy Plan as they're developed. Committee discussion of the draft maps:

- Prime areas are the most densely developed areas. Base mapping exercise fine, but doesn't take into account local character and seems more appropriate for rural neighbors.
- There are many policy conflicts with these maps and other community goals for redevelopment. One unresolved issue is the question about designated downtowns and whether or not these can be exempted.
- Solar analysis needs to recognize that greatest and most efficient opportunity for building (rooftop or other technology) mounted solar, rather than ground-mounted.
- Should not prioritize downtown and neighborhood mixed use districts, historic resources, city owned parks.
- Some sites that could be eligible that are excluded from prime by base constraints include: Landfill Park, Barge Canal, Urban Reserve, parts of Episcopal Dioceses property, country club.

M Tuttle will draft a letter of this input for the Planning Commission to review and approve.

3. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

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