

**Draft Minutes
Solar Siting Task Force
First Meeting July 28, 2015**

In Attendance:

Task Force Members:	Attending	Absent
Christopher Recchia (CR)	X	
Noelle MacKay (NM)	X	
Deb Markowitz (DM)	X	
Karen Horn (KH)	X	
Sharon Murray (SM)	X	
Adam Lougee (AL)	X	
Gabrielle Stebbins (for REV) (GS)	X	
Robert Dostis (RD)	X	
Mitch Lefevre (ML)	X	
Linda McGinnis (LM)	X	

Members of the Legislature:

Senator Chris Bray
Representative Tony Klein
Representative Marianna Gamache

Meeting brought to order at 1:00 with Commissioner Recchia presiding.

- I. Introductions of task force members and other attendees were made. Senator Bray and Representative Klein discussed the Task Force's genesis.
- II. Commissioner Recchia reviewed the duties of the Task Force under Act 56. Members of the Task Force discussed their charge and how to proceed with identification of issues. Information about Task Force meetings, materials, and public comments will be made available via the Public Service Department website. The Task Force will hold at least five additional meetings and will poll the membership to determine the next meeting date, on or about the week after Labor Day.
- III. The Task Force agreed that the next meeting would include a review of the state's energy goals and a discussion of the amount of in-state renewable energy (specifically solar) that may be needed to reach those goals.
- IV. Secretary Markowitz offered a motion to nominate Commissioner Recchia to Chair the Task Force. Gabrielle Stebbins seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0 with Commissioner Recchia abstaining. Commissioner Recchia offered a motion to nominate Linda McGinnis as Vice Chair. Secretary Markowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0 with Linda McGinnis abstaining.
- V. Public comment was taken from:
 - a. Keith Ballek, Sheffield

- b.** Scott Woodward, Pomfret
- c.** John Lewandowski, Newark
- d.** Jill DeVoe, New Haven
- e.** Peter Rothschild, New Haven
- f.** George Clain, Barre Town
- g.** George Gross, Shoreham
- h.** Kathleen Nelson, Brighton
- i.** Carol Irons, Albany
- j.** Guy Page, Vermont Energy Partnership
- k.** Johanna Miller, Vermont Natural Resources Council

V. Commissioner MacKay offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Mitch Lefevre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.