

**Draft Minutes  
Solar Siting Task Force  
First Meeting September 17, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

<b>Task Force Members:</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Christopher Recchia ( <b>CR</b> )	X	
Noelle MacKay ( <b>NM</b> )	X	
Deb Markowitz ( <b>DM</b> )	X	
Karen Horn ( <b>KH</b> )		X
Sharon Murray ( <b>SM</b> )	X	
Adam Lougee ( <b>AL</b> )	X	
Gabrielle Stebbins (for REV) ( <b>GS</b> )	X	
Robert Dostis ( <b>RD</b> )	X	
Mitch Lefevre ( <b>ML</b> )	X	
Sam Swanson ( <b>SS</b> )	X by phone	
Andrew Raubvogel ( <b>AR</b> )	X	

*Meeting brought to order at 10:00 AM with Commissioner Recchia presiding.*

- I. Introductions of new task force member, Sam Swanson, and other attendees were made. Sam Swanson replaces Linda McGinnis, who has resigned. Robert Dostis offered a motion to nominate Sam Swanson to Vice Chair the Solar Siting Task Force. Secretary Deb Markowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0 with Sam Swanson abstaining.
- II. Sharon Murray made a motion to approve the July 28, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Noelle MacKay seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0 with Sam Swanson abstaining.
- III. Dr. Asa Hopkins, Director of Planning and Energy Resource Development, DPS, presented to the Solar Siting Task Force on State Goals and Analysis of Future Solar Development.
- IV. David Raphael, Landscape Architect and Planner, Land Works, presented on Draft Solar Aesthetics Guidance.
- V. Public comment was taken from:
  - a. Peter Rothschild, New Haven
  - b. Len Duffy, Hinesburg
  - c. John Lewandowski, Newark
  - d. Keith Ballek, Sheffield
  - e. Kathleen Nelson, Brighton
  - f. Bob Amelang, Rutland
  - g. Ben Eastwood, Montpelier
  - h. Gabrielle Stebbins, REV

**i. Jill DeVoe, New Haven**

- VI. The schedule for upcoming meetings was discussed. The DPS will send out a poll to the Task Force members to ascertain their availability for a mid-October meeting.
- VII. Secretary Markowitz offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Adam Lougee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

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