

VT Energy Generation Siting Process Strengths & Weaknesses

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Craftsbury Section 248 Participation Timeline

•Spring 2010

Craftsbury Planning Commission Letter to PSB

•July 2010

GMP workshop at PSB to for more information

•Aug 2010

Craftsbury Informational Meeting (Irasburg, Johnson)

Motion to Intervene (historic, economic, and aesthetic criteria)

First Round of Discovery Questions

•September 2010

First Response, PSB Public Hearing

•October 2010

Second Response, Hired Expert, Pre-file testimony

•Jan 2011 Surrebuttal Testimony

•Feb 2011 Technical Hearing

Public Participation/Representation mechanism

What are strengths & weaknesses/Improvements

How public opinion/evidence is part of the deliberative process?

- *Collaborative process (all stakeholders, no lawyer, equal party status, total transparency)*
- *Response to issues raised at the PSB public hearings in their findings*

Role of Town or Regional Planning Commissions

- *Stress on town, lack of time, lack of resources, confusing, no help*

Recommendations

- Key recommendations for Commission
 - **Municipalities should be authorized to hold hearing on a project and make findings related to orderly development of the municipality**
 - **Provide educational or governmental services**
 - **Conformance to adopted municipal town plans**
 - **Undue adverse effect on the character of the municipality or areas of the municipality**
 - **“Substantial deference” higher standard than “due consideration”**

