

## Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Panton Town Plan

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 4384 the Panton Planning Commission herewith provides a summary of the proposed amendments to the 2017 Panton Town Plan. There is one major change to amend the current Panton Town Plan and several additional changes that address updates to previous plan elements.

The major change is the addition of a new Enhanced Energy Plan to conform with the provisions of municipal determination standards for enhanced energy planning set forth in 24 V.S.A Section 4352. This plan will help to further the goals of regional and state energy plan and enable the Panton Town Plan to receive “substantial deference” when being considered as part of an application for energy generation and transmission as reviewed under Section 248 by the Vermont Public Utilities Commission. The Panton Town Plan Section 10: “Utilities and Energy” has also been revised to be consistent with the new Enhanced Energy Plan, which has been added as an Appendix to the Plan. The proposed Enhanced Energy Plan includes the following sections and several new maps:

**Section I, Introduction:** Introduction and Summary of Panton’s Enhanced Energy Plan;

**Section II, Thermal Use:** This Chapter focuses mostly on Energy used for space heating.

**Section III, Transportation Use:** This Chapter focuses on energy used for Transportation.

**Section IV, Electrical Use:** This Chapter focuses mostly on energy used for operating equipment, but electrical use is predicted to expand significantly to include transportation and heating equipment as indicated in the first and fourth chapters. And,

**Section V, Land Use, Generation and Transmission:** This Chapter focuses on planning land uses to reduce vehicle trips and to site energy generation and transmission resources.

### **Maps include:**

Map 1. Transmission and Distribution Resources and Constraints

Map 2. Potential Wind Power Resource

Map 3. State and Local Known Constraints

Map 4. Future Land Use Planning Areas

Map 5. State and Local Possible Constraints

Map 6. Highest Priority Forest Blocks

Map 7. Community Value Areas

Map 8. Scenic Value Areas

Map 9. Potential Solar Resource Siting Areas

Map 10. Potential Wind Resource Siting Areas

Map 11. Potential Woody Biomass Resource Siting Areas

## Map 12. Preferred Energy Area

The other proposed changes include:

- 1) An update to Section 9: “Community Facilities and Services” to reflect the completion of enhancements and renovations to the Town Hall and offices; and
- 2) A revision to Section 11: “Transportation” to replace the current narrative in the Town Plan regarding the originally proposed Vergennes 22A Bypass. This project has been revived and is now being referred to as the “Vergennes Economic Corridor”, which proposes a new truck route to the west around Vergennes. The town proposes to amend the section with an updated statement regarding the town’s position with regard to the project.
- 3) Minor updates to Section 15, Water Resources.

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Attachments include:

- 1) Plan Pages 100-101 from Appendix 2- Introduction to the Enhanced Energy Plan
- 2) Page 36 from Section 9: Community Facilities and Services
- 3) Page 47 from Section 11: Transportation

The complete draft of the Amended Town Plan can be viewed at the Panton Town Offices and on-line at the town’s website, [www.pantonvt.us](http://www.pantonvt.us)