

**Draft Minutes
Hartford Planning Commission
October 5, 2020**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH
THE VERMONT OPEN MEETING LAW
WITH ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

Present: Bruce Riddle, John Reid, Toby Dayman, Dillon Bianchi, Dave Sherman, Dennis Brown, and Jo-Ann Ells, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Robin Adair Logan, Kim Souza, Selectboard Liaison

The Hartford Planning Commission reviewed an application submitted to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) by Hartford Jericho Solar, LLC requesting approval of a 500kW (AC) photovoltaic group net-metering system at 1058 Jericho Road, Hartford, Vermont.

Bruce Riddle reminded the Commission that they had met over the summer to review this and another site as “preferred sites.”

It was noted that the project does not require local approval, but the Commission can send comments to the PUC as an interested party.

Toby Dayman shared his observations from his site visit.

The Commission agreed that they would suggest:

- That landscaping be planted on the east and south sides of the system to block views of the project during winter months when there are fewer leaves on the trees.
- That the PUC ensure that there is a provision in the permit for the removal of the system and restoration of the property should the system cease to be used.
- That a fence is not installed around the system to allow wildlife to move freely through the property.

Jo-Ann Ells stated that she would draft a memo to the PUC for Bruce Riddle to review.

Respectively Submitted,

Toby Dayman, Clerk