

TOWN OF VERNON

Planning and Economic Development Commission (VPC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, VT / Hybrid

Attendance

Members Present: Chair: J. Pinkerton, M. Arms, Clerk: R. Rosinski, A. Tirroski

Members Absent: B. Spencer

Staff/Guests:

H. Johnson Clement, S. Harvey, Marissa Stipa Senior Director of Development (PowerTransitions), Rob Bakondy (Power Transitions) N. Manning, Jean Carr,

Time Called to Order: 6:33PM

Chair Remarks Summary: None

3. Public Comment Period

Summary of Comments: None

6. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

Discussion Summary: Anticipate 1st Week in June the draft should be ready for review.

Actions / Follow-Up:

8. Next Meeting

Discussion of next meeting date (potentially June 10, 2026):

Decision: Will be based on the readiness of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Stay tuned.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Motion By	Second By	Yes	No	Abstain
2/11/26	M. Arms	R. Rosinski	4	0	

4. Modifications to Agenda

Item	Motion By	Second By	Yes	No	Abstain
None					

5. Introductions and Update on Proposed Site Development at VY with Power Transitions

Attendees / Representatives Present: Marissa Stipa Senior Director of Development (PowerTransitions), Rob Bakondy (Power Transitions), Kerry (new joining June 1st)

Discussion Summary: PT focus long term is SMR (nuclear). Short term is battery storage. Need application to ISO. ISO does cluster studies. Opens in October and closes in November. This is their key window.

PT has two power plants which they own and operate and have more on the horizon where they have a signed purchase and sale. They will have 1.7Gigawatts of power assets. They have acquired old plants which run only 5% of the year. The sites have infrastructure to support transitions to new power generators.

A data center analysis was performed about a year ago for Vernon and it was a positive analysis.

If PT develops battery storage they would compensate the town/provide the proper training to the fire department for emergency preparedness.

Siting generation all depends on the interconnect size. This is the key factor on what and how much gets sited.

Data centers can be cooled via closed loop and can help stabilize the grid (increase reliability) due to constant load draw.

Noise levels for data center – Panel walls can be utilized. PT has not yet addressed it at their site in Kansas City.

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None					

7. Review of Letters/Documents Received

a) Communication with PUC and ANR regarding GRH Solar Project

Summary / Discussion: Sent a list of 12 people who are going to testify. J. Pinkerton reviewed and developed questions, but did not “submit” them in advance. His testimony was not allowed due to this. Two more phases remain for review and CPG process. J. Pinkerton will consult the town lawyer to understand how to proceed.

Motion/Action	Moved By	Second By	Yes	No	Abstain
N/A					

9. Adjournment

Time	Motion By	Second By	Yes	No	Abstain
7:15	J. Pinkerton	A. Tirroski	4	0	

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Minutes Prepared By: R. Rosinski

Approved By Commission On: _____