

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **NORTH HERO BYLAW SCREENING STANDARDS FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ELECTRICITY GENERATION PLANTS**

**Scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 7:00p.m.  
at the North Hero Town Office Meeting Room**

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of North Hero, Vermont that the North Hero Planning Commission will hold a hearing on October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Hero Town Office Meeting Room to consider for adoption the proposed North Hero Bylaw Screening Standards for Ground-Mounted Solar Electricity Generation Plants pursuant to Title 24, Chapter 117 §4414(15). This bylaw is considered stand-alone and does not modify or replace the current North Hero Development Regulations.

This bylaw affects the entire Town of North Hero. The purpose of this bylaw is:

- a) Ensure that the development of GMSPs are harmonized with their surrounding landscape through the implementation of appropriate screening.
- b) The development of renewable resources shall be encouraged.
- c) To promote increased awareness and use of renewable energy resources as well as the conservation of existing energy resources.
- d) Support efforts to implement renewable energy, including incorporating renewable energy in all new construction of Town buildings and the review of utilizing town properties and buildings, such as the maintenance building for renewable, particularly solar, installations.

This draft proposed regulations includes 12 general sections: Authority, Purpose, Applicability, Fees, Application Filing and Scheduling a Public Hearing, Application Materials, Public Hearing Notice Requirements, Application Procedure, Screening Standards, Screening Recommendations, Definitions, Severability.

A full text of the draft bylaw is on file in the North Hero Town Clerk's Office.