




24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of Braintree

Certificate of Energy Compliance

On this 28th day of February, 2018, the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Board of Commissioners determined that the Braintree Municipal Plan duly adopted on December 5, 2017, complies with the energy planning requirements set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352 and is consistent with the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Plan.

Dated at Woodstock, Vermont this 28th day of February 2018.


William B. Emmons, III, Chair
Two Rivers- Ottauquechee Regional
Commission

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Two Rivers-Ottauquechee
REGIONAL COMMISSION

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Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Braintree's Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The TRORC Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Braintree Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Braintree Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the TRORC Board.

II. Procedural History

1. On January 2, 2018, the Town of Braintree submitted the Braintree Municipal Plan to the Two Rivers- Ottauquechee Regional Commission ("TRORC") for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
2. On February 1, 2018, notice of a public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2018 was mailed directly to the Town of Braintree.
3. On February 3, 2018, notice of a public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2018 was published in the Valley News.
4. On February 5, 2018, notice of a public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2018 was posted on TRORC's website.
5. On February 8, 2018, notice of a public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2018 was published in the Herald of Randolph.
6. On February 28, 2018, TRORC convened a public hearing at located at Thompson Senior Center in Woodstock, VT. After the public hearing, TRORC staff recommended that the Braintree Municipal Plan receive a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.

7. On February 28, 2018, TRORC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of TRORC staff and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Braintree Municipal Plan.

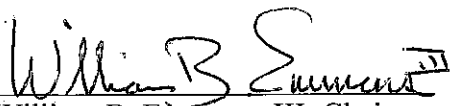
III. Public Comments

There were no public comments

IV. Conclusions

1. The Braintree Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
2. The Braintree Municipal Plan is consistent with following statutory goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and
 - E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Braintree Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2018 at Woodstock, Vermont.


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