

## **Grandpa's Knob Community Wind Project December 2021 Update**

The proposed Grandpa's Knob Community Wind Project (GKCW) is a single 1.5 MW wind turbine to be placed on Grandpa's Knob in Castleton, the site of the first wind turbine in the world to be connected to the electric grid 80 years ago. Project activities are updated below.

### **1. Community Engagement**

- On November 16, 2021, GKCW made a presentation to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, followed by an informative Q&A session. Another presentation for the Rutland RPC is tentatively scheduled for May 2022.
- Additional meetings will be held soon with the Lake Bomoseen Association, the Rutland County Audubon Society, and the Castleton and Rutland Town Planning Commissions.
- A project website was launched: [www.grandpasknobcommunitywind.com](http://www.grandpasknobcommunitywind.com)  
This provides the public with project information, including projected economic and environmental benefits as well as expected visibility. It will be updated regularly.

### **2. Project Development**

- Grandpa's Knob Community Wind (GKCW) has executed the Standard Offer contract from Vermont's Standard Offer facilitator (VEPP Inc.), to provide electricity to Vermont electric utilities at a price of 11.6 cents/kilowatt-hour for 20 years. Note, the Standard Offer contract is NOT a permit – but it enables GKCW to continue with project engineering and impact assessment, in preparation for the submission of the application for the permit (called a Certificate of Public Good) expected in the winter of 2022.
- In addition to the 5- and 10- mile viewshed maps distributed to the surrounding town Select Boards in November 2021, project consultants have produced seven visual renderings of what the project would look like from:
  - Hubbardton Battlefield, in Hubbardton
  - Kehoe Access Point on Lake Bomoseen, in Castleton
  - Brown's Farmstand, in Castleton
  - Pittsford Park, across from Kamuda's on Route 7, in Pittsford
  - Boardman Hill Road, in Rutland Town
  - Pomainville Wildlife Management Area, in Pittsford
  - East Hubbardton Road, in Castleton

These can be viewed on our website:

<https://grandpasknobcommunitywind.com/visual-simulations/>

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