

## **Grandpa's Knob Community Wind Project January 2022 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. Recent project activities are updated below.

### **1. Community Engagement**

- On December 7, 2021, GKCW made a presentation to the Rutland County Audubon Society regarding the proposed project. This generated good discussion regarding ways to limit avian and bat fatalities; follow-up on a number of questions and ideas is ongoing.
- On December 14, 2021, GKCW made a presentation to the Castleton Planning Commission, followed by an informative Q&A session. It was agreed a follow-up meeting will be held in May 2022, when the results of several ongoing technical studies are available.
- On January 13, 2022, GKCW made a presentation to the Lake Bomoseen Association, focusing on potential visual and environmental impacts. The LBA agreed to contact GKCW if further discussions are desired.
- The project website ([www.grandpasknobcommunitywind.com](http://www.grandpasknobcommunitywind.com)) has been updated with additional visual simulations of the project and an expanded FAQ section, reflecting questions raised during recent meetings with community members.

### **2. Project Development**

- A number of independent technical studies have been launched and are underway, including the geo-technical assessment and site-specific civil engineering.
- Initial steps are underway to prepare for the environmental impact assessment required for the project, including a scoping meeting with the VT Agency of Natural Resources anticipated in late February/early March.
- Legislation regarding federal efforts to support renewable energy and mitigate climate change is still being debated in the U.S. Congress. The outcome of these discussions will influence project economics and future discussions with the surrounding community concerning sharing of project revenues.

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