

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**May 24, 2017
MEETING NOTES**

The regular meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Regional Energy Committee was held on Wednesday, May 24 2017 at 4:00PM in the Board Room of the Central Vermont Regional Medical Center.

Committee Members Present:

Jamie Stewart – Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation
Bram Towbin – Town of Plainfield Selectboard
Karin McNeill – Agency of Natural Resources
Ron Krauth – RPC Representative - Town of Middlesex
Don LaHaye – RPC Representative - Town of Waitsfield
Karen Horn – Vermont League of Cities & Towns
Brian Fitzgerald – RPC Representative - Town of Duxbury
Steve Fitzhugh – Town of Northfield Planning Commission

Committee Members Not Present:

Patty Richards – Washington Electric Coop
Mark Sousa – Green Mountain Transit
Dan Potter – Vermont Public Service Department
Janet Shatney – RPC Representative - Barre City
Paul Zabriskie – Capstone Community Action
Alex Bravakis – Novus Energy Development
Jackie Cassino – Agency of Transportation
Julie Potter – RPC Representative - Town of East Montpelier
Robert Dostis – Green Mountain Power
Barbara Conrey – City of Montpelier Energy Committee

Others Present:

Eric Vorwald – CVRPC Senior Planner
John Brabant – Town of Calais
Harrison Snapp – Town of Waitsfield
Lindy Biggs – East Montpelier Energy Committee

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzhugh at 4:05PM. A quorum was not present at this time, therefore no action could be taken on changes to the agenda or approval of minutes.

CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No quorum was present therefore changes to the agenda could not be made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Fitzhugh asked for comments from the public. Mr. Vorwald introduced Ms. Biggs and noted that East Montpelier was one of the communities the CVRPC would be working with on the enhanced local energy planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No quorum was present therefore no action was taken on approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting.

MUNICIPAL INPUT SURVEY & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION UPDATE:

Mr. Vorwald noted that with the departure of Ms. Wolz from the RPC, the work on the survey has been slow to progress as efforts have been put into developing a draft plan for the May 31st submission deadline. Mr. Vorwald did note, however that the survey was still going to be completed and distributed for input.

REVIEW OF DRAFT REGIONAL ENERGY PLAN:

Mr. Vorwald introduced the draft of the regional energy plan and noted the three sections including Analysis & Targets; Implementation Pathways; and Mapping. He noted that the information in the plan was the first draft and that the final draft to be considered by the Regional Planning Commission was not due until the end of December. After a brief overview of the information that would be contained within each section it was determined to go through the document page-by-page to identify comments, questions, or other issues the Committee wanted to have clarified.

The Committee spent the bulk of the meeting discussing the three sections, offering comments, and identifying suggested changes to strengthen or otherwise clarify the information included. The committee worked through all three sections and completed the review of the draft. Staff noted that changes would be made prior to submission to the Department for determination of whether or not our efforts were on track and would result in a determination of energy compliance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Vorwald noted that no additional meetings have been scheduled, however future meetings may be necessary to review and discuss possible changes due to comments on the draft document.

ADJOURN:

With no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.