

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

**November 29, 2017
MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Regional Energy Committee was held on Wednesday, November 29, 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
Karen Horn – Vermont League of Cities & Towns
Brian Fitzgerald – RPC Representative - Town of Duxbury
Dan Potter – Vermont Public Service Department
Janet Shatney – RPC Representative - Barre City
Alex Bravakis – Novus Energy Development
Julie Potter – RPC Representative - Town of East Montpelier
Barbara Conrey – City of Montpelier Energy Committee

Committee Members Not Present:

Patty Richards – Washington Electric Coop
Mark Sousa – Green Mountain Transit
Paul Zabriskie – Capstone Community Action
Jackie Cassino – Agency of Transportation
Robert Dostis – Green Mountain Power
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
Steve Fitzhugh – Town of Northfield Planning Commission

Others Present:

John Brabant – Town of Calais
Eric Vorwald – CVRPC Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

With both the Chair and Vice-Chair not in attendance, the CVRPC Chair, Julie Potter offered to conduct the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Potter at 4:08PM. The meeting began with a round of introductions of the individuals in attendance.

CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No quorum was present therefore no action was taken on approval of the minutes from the May 24, 2017 meeting.

REVIEW OF DRAFT REGIONAL ENERGY PLAN:

Mr. Vorwald provided the committee members with an overview of the process that has occurred to date including the submittal of the draft regional energy plan. He noted that the draft was provided to the Department of Public Service and comments were provided back from the Department and several other state agencies. He indicated that the comments were included in the agenda. Additionally, Mr. Vorwald noted that a draft of the Regional Energy Plan that incorporated the comments was included with the agenda and would be reviewed for comments or changes to the proposed updates.

The Committee began by reviewing the Analysis & Targets Section. The Committee discussed updates that were made to the text as well as consistency with the table titles and more descriptions/notes to ensure clarity in the information being presented in the tables. This discussion constituted the majority of the meeting. With limited time remaining in the meeting, the Committee discussed the Mapping section. Mr. Vorwald noted additional text that would be added to address statewide discussions on Brownfields. Several other comments were offered including possible follow-up related to limits on wind generation facilities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Vorwald noted that since the Committee was unable to complete the review, a follow-up meeting would be held. A date had previously been set for December 7, 2017. The time and location of the December meeting would be the same as the November meeting.

ADJOURN:

With no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.