

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **MINUTES**
3 **May 10, 2016**

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5 **Commissioners:**

X	Barre City	Janet Shatney	X	Moretown	Dara Torre
X	Barre Town	Byron Atwood, Chair	X	Northfield	Laura Hill-Eubanks
<input type="checkbox"/>		Mark Nicholson, Alt.	X	Orange	George Malek
X	Berlin	Bob Wernecke	X	Plainfield	David Strong, Treasurer
X	Cabot	Dick Payne	<input type="checkbox"/>		Robert Atchinson, Alt.
X	Calais	Paul Rose	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
<input type="checkbox"/>		John Brabant, Alt.	X	Waitsfield	Don La Haye
X	Duxbury	Brian Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>		Harrison Snapp, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Alan Quackenbush, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warren	Camilla Behn
X	E. Montpelier	Julie Potter, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington	Gary Winders
X		Jack Pauly, Alt.	X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston	Carol Chamberlin	X	Williamstown	Larry Hebert
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	VACANT	X	Woodbury	Michael Gray
X	Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand
X	Montpelier	Tina Ruth, Secretary			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Kim Cheney, Alt.			

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7 **Staff:** Bonnie Waninger, Dan Currier, Eric Vorwald, Steve Gladczuk, Marianne Wolz
8 **Guests:** Sam Andersen, CVEDC; Bill Moore, CV Chamber; Gary Root and Jan Ohlsson, Calais
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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

11 Chair B. Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with introductions.
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13 **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

14 None.
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16 **PUBLIC HEARING – CALAIS TOWN PLAN APPROVAL**

17 *J. Shatney moved to open the public hearing; G. Malek seconded. Motion carried.*

18 Gary Root from the Calais Planning Commission talked about how the Town Plan was developed
19 and the process for adoption. He voiced appreciation for the review process CVRPC staff and Plan
20 Review Committee put into the Plan prior to this meeting. *D. Payne moved to close the public*
21 *hearing; P. Rose seconded. Motion carried.*
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23 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

24 None.
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26 **TOWN PLAN APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION - CALAIS**

27 E. Vorwald provided an overview of the Town of Calais' Town Plan, noting it was approved by the
28 Calais Planning Commission and Selectboard, and was forwarded to the CVRPC for regional
29 approval. He noted the Town Plan Review Committee recommended the Plan be approved and the
30 Town's planning process be confirmed.
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1 J. Potter presented comments on behalf of the Town Plan Review Committee. The Plan was
2 developed by the Planning Commission with extensive comments from other constituents.
3 Enhancing and expanding villages was the focus of the Plan. There are very specific goals,
4 strategies, and actions with the identified person/persons or group responsible for completing the
5 actions. The Plan uses very specific policy language where appropriate so that in statewide
6 permitting the Town has that to use. The Plan could use more graphics and updated maps. The
7 Committee recommended plan approval and confirmation of the Town's planning process.
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9 Commissioners extensively discussed the Plan's compatibility with the Regional Plan as it related to
10 the Regional Housing Distribution Plan. G. Malek questioned the lack of a future land use map and a
11 map identifying the locations and number of housing units. J. Ohlsson addressed the question by
12 noting that the Town has a natural resources inventory underway with phase one done and phase two
13 started. The data will be used to create the future land use map. L. Hebert commented that it's
14 important to have all the required elements included in the Plan for it to be approved. E. Vorwald
15 commented that preferred growth areas are for future development and can be determined by taking
16 the existing maps and text in the Plan which focus on areas in which the Town does not want growth
17 to occur.
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19 Commissioners discussed whether the Plan could be approved conditionally or for a set period. B.
20 Waninger noted that statute did not address conditional approval. An approval extends through the
21 plan's life unless changes are made and the plan is amended is readopted for a new five year span.
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23 *L. Hebert moved to not approve the Plan because it's missing a housing element map; G. Malek*
24 *seconded.* In discussion, Commissioners discussed whether the motion should have been in the
25 positive (to approve) and whether the Plan could be approved with a requirement to add a housing
26 map later. *G. D'Amico raised a point of order to change the motion to approve the Plan and allow it*
27 *to be voted down.* The point was not ruled on. *D. LaHaye moved to amend the motion on the floor to*
28 *approve the Plan conditionally given that the text exists but no map; R. Krauth seconded.* In
29 discussion, J Potter pointed out that there is a map in the Plan showing expanded village districts.
30 She believes this meets the requirement.
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32 B. Wernecke requested both motions be voted down, and the Plan approved. A Commissioner asked
33 if Calais can include the map in the Plan before approval. G. Root said it could, but that would delay
34 the process by months if not a year for Selectboard approval. *After further discussion D. LaHaye*
35 *withdrew his motion to amend L. Hebert's motion, and L. Hebert withdrew his motion as well.*
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37 *B. Wernecke moved to approve the Plan, confirm Calais' planning process, and adopt the resolution*
38 *as presented in the meeting packet; G. D'Amico seconded. Motion carried 15-4.*
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40 J. Potter encouraged every Commission member on a planning commission to submit their plan to
41 the RPC as soon as a draft is ready for review.
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43 **APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

44 D. Payne said the minutes did not list Cabot, or his absence from the meeting. *B. Wernecke moved to*
45 *approve the April 12, 2016 minutes with changes; P. Rose seconded. Motion carried.*
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47 **STAFF REPORTS**

48 No updates.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Waninger noted the energy sitting bill was passed, but the final version did not include the funds to do the work. The House and Senate Committee Chairs and the Governor’s office stated it was an error, and the funds would be added through the budget update process. The final text is still not available, but when it is she will send it out to everyone.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

B. Waninger reported on the Health Department’s new campaign 3-4-50: 3 behaviors lead to 4 illnesses that lead to 50% of the deaths in Vermont. VTrans is conducting a commuter rail study from St. Albans to Montpelier. Steve will represent CVRPC. The Agency of Agriculture presented to VAPDA on its agricultural lands mitigation program. They conducted a pilot in Chittenden County to see what the on-site mitigation land is being used for and what percentage is being actively farmed. Eventually they will do this work statewide. If the Commission is interested, Waninger will invite them in to present their work. Commissioners nodded assent.

CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

S. Andersen reported CVEDC is waiting to see final bills out of the Statehouse. The independent contractor bill died in committee. She thanked Bonnie and Bill for hosting and facilitating at the VT Futures Project event. More details on this project can be found at <http://www.vtfuturesproject.org/>. CVEDC's annual breakfast is in July and Commissioners are welcome to attend. CVEDC hosted its annual Central Vermont job fair and reported attendance of 788 job seekers. They will have more numbers to report out on the job fair in the coming months.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

S. Lotspeich reported that 17 ballots were returned. The following were duly elected: B. Atwood – Chair; J. Potter – Vice-Chair; D. Strong – Treasurer; T. Ruth – Secretary; D. La Haye – At-Large; L. Hill-Eubanks – At-Large; and L. Hebert – At-Large.

VERMONT CLEAN WATER ACT

D. Currier presented on the VT Clean Water Act (Act 64). He covered the following topics: Lake Champlain Total Maximum Dailey Load (TMDL) report, new Municipal Road General Permit, new Three Acres of Impervious Surface General Permit, the Agency of Agriculture’s new Required Agricultural Practices, and Tactical Basin Planning. The timeline for the final permits is 2018 with drafts ready in 2017. Comments or questions should be sent to currier@cvregion.com.

ADJOURNMENT

B. Wernecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. R. Krauth seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Currier, GIS Manager