

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
July 12, 2016**

Commissioners:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barre City	Janet Shatney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Montpelier	Tina Ruth, Secretary
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<input type="checkbox"/>		Mark Nicholson, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moretown	Dara Torre
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Karla Nuiszl, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Orange	George Malek
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabot	Dick Payne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plainfield	David Strong, Treasurer
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<input type="checkbox"/>		John Brabant, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duxbury	Brian Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waitsfield	Don La Haye
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston	Carol Chamberlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	Ivan Shadis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown	Larry Hebert
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woodbury	Michael Gray
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand

**Staff:** Bonnie Waninger, Eric Vorwald, and Ashley Andrews

**Guests:** Jamie Stewart (CVEDC), Bill Moore (Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce), Kari Dolan (VT DEC), Gracie Messier

Chair Byron Atwood called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The meeting began with introductions.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

None

**2016 REGIONAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

*J. Shatney moved to open the public hearing; D. La Haye seconded. Motion carried.*

E. Vorwald explained that this is the second of two statutorily-required public hearings to accept public comments on the 2016 Draft Central Vermont Regional Plan. The comment period has been open since mid-May. No comments on the draft plan have been received. A draft resolution for adoption was included with the meeting packet.

No members of the public provided comments.

*S. Lotspeich moved to close the public hearing; J. Shatney seconded. Motion carried.*

1 **2016 REGIONAL PLAN ADOPTION**

2 *L. Hebert moved to adopt the 2016 Central Vermont Regional Plan as presented; S. Lotspeich seconded.*  
3 *Motion carried.*

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5 Discussion included:

- 6 • G. Malek expressed concern about the future land use map being used as defacto zoning. He will  
7 vote “no.”
- 8 • T. Ruth noted the previous plan amendments required by the State were to bring the plan into  
9 conformance with Vermont law.
- 10 • R. Krauth agreed that the map needs to be there, and agreed that the map could be used as defacto  
11 zoning. Krauth noted the map appeared to depict the current land use, not what is suggested to be  
12 there. He noted the Commissioners’ job is to apply the map as information, not as zoning.
- 13 • S. Lotspeich said Vermont does not have regional zoning so the previous statements were not  
14 accurate statements. Zoning is enabled at the local level only. Regional plans are a basis for  
15 commentary in Act 250 and both local and regional perspectives are considered. The recent push  
16 is for local and regional plans to be specific.
- 17 • P. Rose asked if the map title could be changed to “recommended future land use.” B. Waninger  
18 noted it could. The Commission would need to restart the public hearing process.
- 19 • G. Malek asked whst the process is for a Regional Plan being declared invalid without the  
20 Council of Regional Commissioners. Waninger noted the process would be a court challenge.  
21 Malek noted Commissioners had not expressed concerns about the lack of a map in the past.  
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23 *Motion to adopt carried with a vote of 18 yes and 1 no.*

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

26 None.

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28 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

29 Kari Dolan described her role as the Vermont Clean Water Initiative Program Manager. The Clean Water  
30 Fund provides additional state funds above current allocation levels to complement, enhance, and  
31 leverage existing resources. The use of the fund is to maximize opportunities for the restoration and  
32 protection of Vermont’s waterways by prioritizing and targeting resources. To maximize the  
33 effectiveness of this fund, the fund should strengthen and complement existing state assistance programs  
34 (e.g. grant and loan pass-through programs), wherever possible. Water quality issues are a result of  
35 runoff in Vermont.

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37 The Clean Water Fund has a board made up of five members with Secretaries from the Agencies of  
38 Agriculture, Transportation, Administration, Natural Resources, and Commerce and Community  
39 Development.

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41 The Clean Water Fund current allocation is \$4-5 million for FY17, which is allocated in blocks to the  
42 agencies for dispersal through existing grant programs. It is supported by property transfer tax fees. This  
43 financing mechanism expires in FY18. The Vermont Treasurer’s Office is leading an effort to identify a  
44 permanent financing structure.

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2 Dolan noted the vision of the Clean Water Fund is to provide technical and financial support to affected  
3 sectors. She described how the fund works by providing examples. There is a public comment period in  
4 progress. Dolan asked that Commissioners and communities visit the Agency's website and voice their  
5 thoughts through the online survey.

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7 L. Hebert recommended the Clean Water Board consider using block grants to towns to reduce the  
8 administrative burden of writing, reviewing, and administering grants.

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10 **MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2016**

11 *G. Malek moved to approve the minutes as presented; S. Lotspeich seconded. Motion carried.*

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13 **STAFF REPORTS**

14 A. Andrews answered questions about CVRPC's Transportation Risk Analysis.

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16 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

17 B. Waninger said she observed the Supreme Court arguments about the Exit 1 development and described  
18 the proceedings and argument made. The Court does not have a deadline for taking action.

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20 Waninger described the increased state focus on the need for quality, affordable childcare. The  
21 Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing Childcare is holding community forums all over the  
22 state; July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm in Barre is the one for Central Vermont. Waninger also noted that Building  
23 Bright Futures has requested RPC assistance for work with towns on childcare. Waninger will report  
24 back as the request is refined.

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26 **REGIONAL PARTNERS REPORT**

27 CVEDC – J. Stewart described CVEDC's efforts to develop a revolving loan fund for small businesses.  
28 CVEDC will be a subordinate lender. CVEDC is getting involved in Maker's spaces. The focus will  
29 be on growing micro enterprises. The money CVEDC is using is from USDA Rural Development.  
30 Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce – B. Moore discussed the Chamber's strategic planning effort.  
31 The Chamber is also heavily involved in the discussion of a local options tax in Berlin.

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33 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

34 *J. Potter moved the Commission appoint Byron Atwood and Laura Hill-Eubanks to the Project Review*  
35 *Committee, and appoint Julie Potter, Ron Krauth, Paul Rose, Bill Arrand, and Ivan Shadis to the Town*  
36 *Plan Review Committee; G. Malek seconded. Motion carried.*

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38 Potter noted that the Regional Plan Review Committee has one opening and requested that  
39 Commissioners let her know if they are interested in participating on the Committee.

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41 *J. Potter moved, and B. Atwood seconded, to appoint the following as the Commissions representatives:*  
42 *VAPDA – Byron Atwood*  
43 *VEPC – Bonnie Waninger*  
44 *Green Mountain Transit – Harold Garabedian, Commissioner, and Bonnie Waninger, Alternate.*

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2 In discussion, G. Malek asked who Garabedian was. Waninger said his is a former Montpelier City  
3 Councilor who had represented Washington County on the Green Mountain Transit Agency Board prior  
4 to its merger with CCTA. Malek asked if Waninger was comfortable with Garabedian's representation.  
5 Waninger noted she was. He is able to discuss transit needs and issues throughout the region and has  
6 presented the region well. *Motion carried.*

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8 **FY2017 WORKPLAN AND BUDGET**

9 Waninger noted the workplan and budget had been adopted by the Executive Committee. She highlighted  
10 the Commission's general activities and projects being done for Fiscal Year 2017. She discussed the  
11 Commission's budget, including where funds come from, areas of risk and change, opportunities for the  
12 future, and major areas of expense.

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14 **ADJOURNMENT**

15 *P. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm; G. Malek seconded. Motion carried.*

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17 Respectfully submitted,  
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19 Ashley Andrews, Planner