

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 12, 2017**

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Commissioners:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre City | Janet Shatney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montpelier | Kirby Keeton |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre Town | Byron Atwood | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mike Miller, Alt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mark Nicholson, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown | Dara Torre, Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berlin | Robert Wernecke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northfield | Laura Hill-Eubanks, Vice-Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Karla Nuisl, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange | Lee Cattaneo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabot | Dick Payne | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plainfield | Bram Towbin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calais | John Brabant (7:30pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Robert Atchinson, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jan Ohlsson, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxbury | Jerry D’Amico |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duxbury | Brian Fitzgerald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield | Don La Haye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Alan Quackenbush, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Harrison Snapp, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Montpelier | Julie Potter, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren | Daniel Raddock |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jack Pauly, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington | Gary Winders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fayston | Carol Chamberlin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterbury | Steve Lotspeich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marshfield | Ivan Shadis | <input type="checkbox"/> Williamstown | Larry Hebert |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middlesex | Ron Krauth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury | Michael Gray, Treasurer |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester | Bill Arrand |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Daniel Currier, and Eric Vorwald
Guests: Bill Moore CVCC, Ted Brady Deputy Secretary VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development

CALL TO ORDER

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The meeting began with introductions.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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R. Krauth moved to approve the minutes as presented; D. Payne seconded. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

1 **STAFF REPORTS**

2 E. Vorwald noted that CVRPC had been awarded funds from the High Meadows Fund to work with
3 Cabot, Plainfield, and Marshfield on a Winooski Headwaters resilience effort. The project also
4 includes Friends of the Winooski River and Vermont Woodlands Association as co-leads with CVRPC.
5 The project looks at upland forests through the lens of flood resilience and work with private
6 property owners. The grant award amount was \$40,000.

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8 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

9 B. Waninger highlighted the GMT Next Gen Plan and the evaluation of Central Vermont Barre and
10 Montpelier routes. GMT will be presenting on the GMT Next Gen Plan at the November meeting of
11 the TAC.

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13 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

14 J. Potter introduced the inaugural report to the Commissioners and described the purpose of the
15 reports as keeping Commissioners informed about committee work. There were no questions on
16 the report.

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18 **Green Mountain Transit Appointments**

19 In June CVRPC appointed Harold Garabedian, Commissioner, and Bonnie Waninger, Alternate as the
20 Washington County Representatives to Green Mountain Transit. Garabedian has stepped down for
21 this appointment. CVRPC has to now reappoint a Commissioner and Alternate to Green Mountain
22 Transit. B. Waninger recommended herself as Commissioner, and Daniel Currier as Alternate to
23 maintain a strong connection to the regional transportation program.

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25 L. Cattaneo ask why Orange County does not have a Commissioner on GMT? Waninger said that
26 when the GMTA and CCTA merger occurred, Orange County was not provided a Commissioner seat.
27 She did not know why.

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29 *D. Payne moved to appoint Bonnie Waninger, Commissioner, and Daniel Currier, Alternate to GMT;*
30 *S. Lotspeich seconded. Motion carried*

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32 **ANR MODEL FLOOD HAZARD AND RIVER CORRIDOR BYLAW**

33 E. Vorwald presented on the ANR model flood hazard and river corridor bylaws and discussed
34 proposed staff comments for consideration by Commissioners. Comments are due to ANR by
35 9/30/17. Vorwald also pointed out the higher standard cross walk that lists the minimum and high
36 standard comparison.

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38 S. Lotspeich asked about the mapping of the river corridor and pointed out that the current river
39 corridor data does not include the phase 2 geomorphic data nor the administrative correcting that

1 towns can make. Vorwald and D. Currier highlighted the differences in the data and the steps
2 towns can take. B. Towbin highlighted the UVM drone work completed in Plainfield.

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4 *B. Fitzgerald moved to approve staff's comments and forward them to ANR; D. Payne seconded.*
5 *Motion carried.*

7 **NORTHERN BORDERS REGIONAL COMMISSION EXPANSION**

8 Ted Brady discussed the Northern Borders Regional Commission expansion. The NBRC helps to
9 modernize infrastructure and promote economic development in Northern Vermont. In the past,
10 the Federal Government has authorized \$10 million for the NBRC. The current geographic area that
11 the NBRC covers Grand Isle, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia, and Essex Counties.

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13 Sen. Leahy is looking to expand the area that the NBRC covers to include all of Vermont. CVRPC
14 staff have drafted a letter of support to Sen. Leahy for Commissioners to consider.

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16 B. Towbin asked if there were any reasons why we would not want to join. T. Brady highlighted the
17 many benefits with no draw back as far as he knows.

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19 Commissioners reviewed the letter. J. D'Amico discussed changes to language in the 2nd paragraph.
20 Debate on the language ensued with many good recommendations. Commissioners supported
21 expanding the NBRC region and sending a letter of support to Sen. Leahy.

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23 *L. Hill-Eubanks moved to authorize staff edit the letter and the Chair to sign it; J. Shatney seconded.*
24 *Motion carried.*

26 **PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

27 E. Vorwald presented on the Project Review Committee's Rules of Procedure and Rules of Process.
28 The current rules that the Committee has been using were adopted in 2010. The updated rules
29 include both a Rules of Procedure and Rules of Process. Also included in this revision is the
30 Substation Regional Impact process to clarify the process for staff, the Committee, and developers.

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32 *J. D'Amico moved to adopt the Project Review Committee's Rules of Procures and the Rules of*
33 *Process; B. Atwood seconded. Motion carried.*

35 **REGIONAL ENERGY PLAN**

36 E. Vorwald presented on the Regional Energy Plan's Conflict Resolution Policy. This along with the
37 Introduction and Executive Summary are the last pieces needed to have a full draft Regional Energy
38 Plan to send out for public comment.

1 *B. Fitzgerald moved to incorporate the Introduction/Executive Summary and Conflict Resolution*
2 *Policy into the Regional Energy Plan and to send the Plan out for public comments; B. Towbin*
3 *seconded. Motion carried.*

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5 **ADJOURNMENT**

6 J. Potter announced that this would be Dick Payne's last Commission meeting. The Commission
7 thanked him for his years of service.

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9 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm; D. Payne seconded. Motion carried.*

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11 Respectfully submitted,
12 Daniel Currier, Program Manager