

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **Executive Committee**
3 **Minutes**
4 **October 5, 2017**

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6 Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Potter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Hill-Eubanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Gray |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dara Torre | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Lotspeich | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don La Haye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Byron Atwood | | |

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8 Staff: B. Waninger

9 Guests:

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11 Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

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13 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

14 An update on water quality funding was added.

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16 **Public Comment**

17 None.

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19 **Contract/Agreement Authorization**

20 The Committee discussed the CVRPC-DEC contract and CVRPC-Town subcontracts. S. Lotspeich asked
21 whether towns know the Davis Bacon Act applies. Waninger explained that CVRPC's contract with DEC
22 does not include Davis Bacon requirements even though construction would be funded with federal
23 funds. Staff has sought clarification and confirmation in writing from DEC regarding whether Davis
24 Bacon applies. If it applies, the memo will be updated to highlight its applicability. Because town labor,
25 not contracted labor, is being used. Davis Bacon wage rates should not be a challenge for towns.

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27 D. La Haye sought input from the Committee as to whether they perceived a conflict of interest for him
28 given that Waitsfield is a contract recipient. The Committee did not believe he had a greater interest
29 than any other citizen. S. Lotspeich suggested La Haye recues himself from the vote if he had concerns.

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31 *S. Lotspeich moved to approve the contact template for Class 4 Road Remediation and Demonstration*
32 *and to authorize the Executive Director to sign contracts with the Town of Calais, Woodbury, and*
33 *Waitsfield; L. Hill-Eubanks seconded. Motion carried. D. La Haye recused himself from the vote.*

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35 **Water Quality Funds**

36 Waninger briefed the Committee on ANR's funding decision to split the water quality planning funds
37 60/40 between regional planning commissions and natural resources conservation districts. In notifying
38 RPCs of its decision, ANR did not indicate it had a plan for services to be provided by each contractor.

1 Rather, it suggested a meeting between ANR, RPC, and NRCD staff to negotiate services. Asking
2 contractors to negotiate with one another for independent work is highly unusual. In general, the
3 decision will change how planning services are provided and how/whether local planning is intergrated
4 into the State's Basin Plans.

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6 In addition to changing the services provided to municipalities, the decision means CVRPC may have a
7 \$6-15,000 budget gap. The gap can be filled by reducing contributions to reserves, by increasing other
8 revenues during the year, or by modifying expenses.

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10 **Adjourn**

11 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 4:23 pm; L. Hill-Eubanks seconded. Motion carried.*