

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Town Plan Review Committee
Draft Minutes

Orange Town Hall, 392 US Route 302, Orange, Vermont.
September 10, 2018

Committee Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Arrand, Worcester
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lee Cattaneo, Orange Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Krauth, Middlesex Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joyce Manchester, Moretown Alternate Commissioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jan Ohlsson, Calais Alternate Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karla Nuissl, Berlin Alternate Commissioner (Alternate Seat)

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1 Staff: Clare Rock

2 Town representatives: Sue Perreault, Eric Holmgren

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4 **CALL TO ORDER**

5 The meeting was called to order by Bill Arrand, Vice Chair at 6:06 pm.

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7 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

8 None.

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10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

11 None.

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13 **PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE MUNICIPAL PLAN AND CONFIRMATION OF**
14 **THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS**

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16 Rock provided a summary of the Staff Memo which was included in the packet that included:

17 - Clarification that the Plan was officially approved by the Selectboard on 9/7 (not on 8/13 following the
18 SB Hearing.)

19 - The 2018 Orange Town Plan is an update of the 2013 Plan.

20 - Former CVRPC staff member Eric Vorwald worked with the town on the plan update and assisted with
21 writing new sections to address new statutory requirements and provided updated and new data.

22 - The Town uses the State Planning Goals to frame its municipal Goals, Objectives, and Actions.

23 - The Plan prioritizes its top 5 priorities for implementation providing a helpful reference for the
24 Selectboard and Planning Commission.

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26 Staff review found:

27 - Consistency with the State goals, as the plan demonstrates substantial progress toward attainment of
28 the planning goals.

29 - Compatibly with the regional plan

30 - Compatibly with approved plans of other municipalities in the region

31 - Containing all the elements

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33 Discussion followed about what changes which were made to the plan since the last adoption, the town

1 decided not to make any significant changes and to take out some of the extra wording which was
2 extraneous. Further discussion included a clarification on the housing distribution map, appreciation and
3 acknowledgement of a rural town's ability to plan considering variety of constraints and weather the
4 town would or has considered adopting zoning. The town as a whole would most likely not be in favor of
5 zoning but could support a simple permit process what would collect basic information about
6 development primarily as a record of where development is happening and to ensure the highway
7 department is aware of new driveways and roads (which would have to meet town highway
8 ordinances.) Lastly those in attendance discussed the public input process and what level of attendance
9 the town had at its PC meetings and town plan approval hearings.

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11 The Public Hearing ended at 6:21 and members of the public left.

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13 **CONFIRMATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS**

14 J Ohlsson asked about the confirmation process and Rock referenced the Town Plan Review Tool,
15 second to last page. This has generally been measured by the existence of the PC (the CVRPC checks in
16 with the town during the consultation period) and weather the towns provides meeting space and if the
17 town pays their RPC dues.

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19 *J Ohlsson made a motion to recommend confirmation of the Town of Orange's planning process under*
20 *24 VSA §4350(a), seconded by Cattaneo, all in favor. Motion carried.*

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22 **APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE MUNICIPAL PLAN**

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24 *J Ohlsson made a motion to recommend approval of the Orange Town Plan as per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b),*
25 *seconded by L Cattaneo, all in favor. Motion carried.*

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27 **RULES OF PROCEDURE & COMMITTEE PROCESS**

28 Rock provided a summary of the Rules of Procedure and added that an additional bullet is being
29 proposed under the section titled GENERAL ACTIVITIES which would be:

- 30 • Certify local energy plans in accordance with <insert stator reference>

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32 Discussion followed about the role of the Regional Energy Committee and their potential involvement in
33 reviewing this technical aspect of town plans. Rock provided a brief update on the Preferred Sites
34 discussions happening at the Project Review and Regional Plan Committee level. Discussion continued
35 about the use of the work "Certify" and how this means a greater responsibility compared to the other
36 GENERAL ACTIVITIES. The committee would like the Commission to weigh in on this.

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38 *L Cattaneo made a motion to approve the Rules of Procedure as written (without the additional bullet),*
39 *seconded by B Arrand, all in favor. Motion carried.*

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41 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

42 *L Cattaneo made a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes, seconded by J Ohlsson, all in favor.*
43 *Motion carried.*

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45 **ADJOURNMENT**

46 *L Cattaneo made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm, seconded by J Ohlsson, all in favor. Motion carried.*