

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 8, 2019**

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Commissioners:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barre City               | Janet Shatney            | <input type="checkbox"/> Moretown              | Dara Torre, Secretary          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Heather Grandfield, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Joyce Manchester, Alt          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Karla Nuissl, Alt.       | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Paula Emery, Alt.              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabot         | Amy Hornblas             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxbury    | Jerry D’Amico                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calais        | John Brabant             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield | Don La Haye                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Jan Ohlsson, Alt.        | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Harrison Snapp, Alt.           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Montpelier               | Kirby Keeton             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester  | Bill Arrand                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Mike Miller, Alt.        |  |                                |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand, Clare Rock, Jonathan DeLaBruere

Guests: Secretary Michael Shirling (ACCD)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business. Potter welcomed CVRPC’s newest staff member Jonathan DeLaBruere, Assistant Planner. DeLaBruere will work on emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation, and land use.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Potter noted that we will proceed with Secretary Shirling’s presentation and defer the other presentations until another meeting due to the inclement weather.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**STATE ECONOMIC INITIATIVES**

Potter welcomed Michael Shirling, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

1 Secretary Shirling provided an overview of agency and where the administration currently sees both  
2 challenges and opportunities.

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4 He noted that over the last two years the number one challenge to growing the economy is population  
5 and putting a workforce into jobs in Vermont. He stated this is not a Vermont specific trend, but is a  
6 non-urban commonality. Also noted was Vermont is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest state in the nation which creates  
7 challenges for the workforce due to the aging population. Affordability is another challenge in both  
8 Vermont and other non-urban areas nationwide.

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10 He stated that from challenges come opportunities. Vermont's size is both a challenge and an  
11 opportunity. It would be helpful to grow at a modest pace. He highlighted Vermont's 230-year history  
12 of innovation (agricultural to commercial to technological). Vermont is recognized for its quality  
13 workforce and reputation.

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15 Secretary Shirling outlined the core operating goals of ACCD:

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- 17 • Tell the story of Vermont – beyond just the things Vermont is known for
- 18 • Deploy 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce – ongoing job training
- 19 • Ensure housing for all – affordable housing and an array of options
- 20 • Create vibrant regional economies and ecosystems (10 statewide)
- 21 • Accelerate business growth and recruitment
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23 A robust discussion followed with Commissioners asking questions about education consolidation,  
24 infrastructure, housing, transportation, technology, development, Air B-n-B, marketing and workforce  
25 training. Mr. Shirling addressed the questions in detail and provided the Board with the Agency's role in  
26 the areas in question.

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28 **MEETING MINUTES**

29 *G. D'Amico moved to approve December minutes; B. Arrand seconded. Discussion addressed two*  
30 *corrections needed. Motion carried.*

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32 **ADJOURNMENT**

33 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:01 pm; L. Cattaneo seconded. The motion and second were withdrawn*  
34 *due to a request to approve the minutes. D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm; L. Cattaneo*  
35 *seconded. Motion carried.*

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37 Respectfully submitted,

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39 Nancy Chartrand

40 Office Manager