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**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
March 12, 2019**

Commissioners:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Barre City    | Janet Shatney            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Moretown     | Dara Torre, Secretary          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Heather Grandfield, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |              | Joyce Manchester, Alt          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Barre Town    | Byron Atwood             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Northfield   | Laura Hill-Eubanks, Vice-Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Mark Nicholson, Alt.     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Orange       | Lee Cattaneo                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Berlin        | Robert Wernecke          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Plainfield   | Bram Towbin                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Karla Nuissl, Alt.       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | Paula Emery, Alt.              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cabot         | Amy Hornblas             | <input 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.           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Duxbury       | Alan Quackenbush         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Warren       | Camilla Behn                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | E. Montpelier | Julie Potter, Chair      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Washington   | Peter Carbee                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Jack Pauly, Alt.         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waterbury    | Steve Lotspeich                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Fayston       | Karl Klein               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Williamstown | Richard Turner                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marshfield    | Melissa Seifert          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Williamstown | Jacqueline Higgins, Alt.       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Middlesex     | Ron Krauth               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Woodbury     | Michael Gray, Treasurer        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Montpelier    | Kirby Keeton             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Worcester    | Bill Arrand                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Mike Miller, Alt.        |                                     |              |                                |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand  
Guests: Jamie Stewart, Eileen Pelletier

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT**

Chair Potter welcomed Jamie Stewart, Executive Director. CVEDC in collaboration with DOL and Creative Workforce Solutions holding 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Fair at Barre Auditorium on April 3rd. Stewart provided details about Northern Borders Regional Commission grants and an informational session scheduled for

1 March 20. Infrastructure, transportation, housing, energy efficiency, renewable energy are eligible  
2 areas. Letters of Intent by March 29<sup>th</sup>; application deadline is May 10.

### 4 **DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

5 Eileen Pelletier, Executive Director, presented Downstreet’s background and core goals. The mission of  
6 Downstreet is to strengthen the communities of Central Vermont by engaging with people, providing  
7 affordable homes and connecting people to the resources and services they need to thrive. Their  
8 organization collaborates with partners in the community to work towards providing appropriate  
9 housing and connection to services. Downstreet is collaborating on a tiny house project in Barre City.

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11 Pelletier briefly outlined the Opioid Coordination Council Call to Action, a current priority. Substance  
12 Use Disorder needs chronic management and support – housing, transportation, community, etc.

### 14 **2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

15 *D. Torre nominated B. Wernecke, A. Quackenbush, and B. Atwood for the Nominating Committee. J.*  
16 *Potter noted a second is not required for nominations. Potter confirmed that the candidates were willing*  
17 *to serve. Chair Potter inquired twice if there were any other nominations. There being none, Potter*  
18 *closed nominations. Motion carried.*

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20 Potter discussed challenges of a compressed schedule for the Nominating Committee because last  
21 month’s meeting was cancelled due to weather. She asked if Commissioners would be willing to have  
22 the slate presented in May and to move the Annual Meeting from May to June this year.

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24 *B. Atwood moved to extend the nominations and elections schedule and hold the 2019 Annual Meeting*  
25 *in June; P.Carabee seconded. Motion carried.*

### 27 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONER SURVEY RESULTS**

28 N. Chartrand presented the results of the Board of Commissioner survey. The survey was aimed at  
29 assessing meeting effectiveness and how CVRPC could strengthen its support for Commissioner  
30 participation. The survey suggested a change of Commission meeting time might be beneficial.

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32 *L. Catteneo moved to change the Commission meeting time to 6:30 to 8:30; A. Quackenbush seconded.*  
33 *B. Waninger asked if 6:30 prohibits any Commissioner from participating; no hardships were noted for*  
34 *Commissioners present. Motion carried.*

### 36 **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

37 B. Waninger provided details regarding the Legislative Report provided prior to the meeting. S.96  
38 related to Clean Water Funds. The current version of the bill was presented and concerns raised by  
39 RPC’s regarding maintenance and enforcement were discussed. Additional amendments to the bill are  
40 anticipated, and some action may be taken by the Legislature. Commissioners expressed that ANR

1 should not be pushing accountability on to other entities, and that there was a lack of process,  
2 methodology, and standards.

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4 B. Towbin requested Waninger convey to ANR that ANR policies and actions need to better align  
5 internally to support clean water. Towbin provided an example.

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7 J. Potter advised anyone with additional comments / suggestions encouraged to speak directly to B.  
8 Waninger.

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10 **MEETING MINUTES**

11 *B. Wernecke moved to approve January 8, 2019 minutes; seconded by D. La Haye. Motion carried.*

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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

14 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm; B. Wernecke seconded. Motion carried.*

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Nancy Chartrand

19 Office Manager