

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
April 9, 2019**

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Commissioners:

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| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> | Orange | Lee Cattaneo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Berlin | Robert Wernecke | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plainfield | Bram Towbin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Karla Nuissl, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Roxbury | Paula Emery, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cabot | Amy Hornblas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waitsfield | Jerry D'Amico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Calais | John Brabant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Don La Haye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jan Ohlsson, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Warren | Harrison Snapp, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Duxbury | Alan Quackenbush | <input type="checkbox"/> | Washington | Camilla Behn |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | E. Montpelier | Julie Potter, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Waterbury | Peter Carbee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Jack Pauly, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Williamstown | Steve Lotspeich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fayston | Karl Klein | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Williamstown | Richard Turner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marshfield | Melissa Seifert | <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodbury | Jacqueline Higgins, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Middlesex | Ron Krauth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Worcester | Michael Gray, Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Montpelier | Kirby Keeton | | | Bill Arrand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Mike Miller, Alt. | | | |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Clare Rock

Call to Order

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comments

B. Waninger requested Commissioners comment on preferences for meeting food and sign the CVRPC Conflict of Interest Policy if they had not signed.

Essentials of Land Use Planning: A Primer on Regulating Development in Vermont

C. Rock gave a brief presentation on the Essentials of Land Use Planning. The presentation provided the history of planning in Vermont as background for the subsequent Act 250 presentation and discussion. Paula Emery requested a copy of the presentation.

1 **Act 250 Updates**

2 Waninger gave a presentation on updates proposed for Act 250. She noted that while the legislation as
3 a whole was not expected to move this legislative session, some parts might move independently, such
4 as the forest integrity piece.
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6 During the presentation the Board had the following discussions:
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8 Regarding the *Summery of Recommendations: Local and Regional Plan Approval and Use* topic (slide 6),
9 Waninger asked “Should the Regional Plan be reviewed by another agency/party for consistency will
10 state statute (similar to how the RPC reviews and approves municipal plans)?” By an informal show of
11 hands, the majority of the Board was in agreement that the regional plan should be reviewed by another
12 entity for statutory consistency. Board members asked about the makeup of the VT Environmental
13 Review Board, as outlined in the presentation, and whether they would be appointed by the Governor.
14 The answer is unknown at this time.
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16 Waninger asked “Who is the right party to review Regional Plans?” The Board discussed whether a State
17 agency representative and/or peer review might make more sense versus an appointed body. It
18 suggested an entity similar to the Downtown Board versus using the same board that would review an
19 Act 250 application. Board members were in general agreement that an alternate body should be
20 responsible for reviewing the regional plan.
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22 Discussion followed about the *Municipal Plan Approval and Use* recommendations. Discussion followed
23 about whether the municipality has party status and/or whether the municipal plan has party status.
24 The Board was generally okay with the proposed recommendations as presented in the presentation.
25 Members had additional questions about the proposed standing of a town and its plan.
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27 Regarding the *Summery of Recommendations: Transportation Criteria* topic (Slide 7):

- 28 • Recommendation 1 - Adds consideration of *bicycle, pedestrian, and other transit infrastructure*.
29 Majority of the Board was in favor of this recommendation.
- 30 • Recommendation 2 - Expands consideration of safe *use*, access, and connections to adjacent
31 lands and facilities. Some members of the Board were in favor; many wanted more information
32 because it sounded too vague.
- 33 • Recommendation 3 - Requires District Commission state when it *declines to require*
34 transportation demand management strategies *by issuing a finding*. No clear support by the
35 Board. On the surface it sounds good, but it sounds like it would create more administrative
36 work.
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38 At the next meeting, the Commission will review the following Act 250-related topics: Energy, Interstate
39 Interchange, and Enhanced Designation. If there are additional areas the Commission would like to
40 discuss, Waninger requested members let her know.
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1 People would like a color copy of the presentation for review. CVRPC also has put together some maps
2 regarding interstate interchanges and can distribute those.

3 4 **Committee Rules of Procedure**

5 C. Rock noted that the one significant change was the addition of item #2 under the Purpose statement.

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7 *B. Arrand moved to approve the Town Plan Review Committee Rules of Procedure as presented; R.*
8 *Turner seconded. Motion carried.*

9 10 **Nominating Committee Report**

11 B. Atwood thanked Alan Quakenbush and Bob Werneke for participating on the Nominating Committee.
12 He offered special thanks to Nancy Chartrand for taking the minutes. The Committee offered the
13 following nominations were made:

- 14 Julie Potter, East Montpelier, at-large member (past chair)
- 15 Jerry D'Amico, Roxbury, at-large member
- 16 Janet Shatney, Barre City, at-large member
- 17 Darra Torre, Moretown, Secretary
- 18 Michael Gray, Woodbury, Treasurer
- 19 Steve Lotspeich, Waterbury, Vice Chair
- 20 Laura Hill-Eubanks, Northfield, Chair

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22 Atwood noted his appreciation for the time and energy Julie Potter put into the role of Chair. She drilled
23 down into subjects and did structural worked to help the RPC have greater transparency and more
24 effective moving forward.

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26 Potter reviewed the nomination process. The Nominating Committee presented the initial slate for
27 Executive Committee this month. It will present the final slate in May and nominations will be taken
28 from the floor. After that meeting, ballots will be sent to Commissioners. The results will be announced
29 at the June meeting.

30 31 **CVRPC Committees**

32 L. Hill-Eubanks announced the committee openings and reviewed the committee duties. She requested
33 volunteers/nominations for the following committees:

- 34 Project Review Committee: seeking 2 appointments
- 35 Town Plan Review Committee: seeking 5 appointments and an alternate member
- 36 Brownfields Advisory: seeking 1 alternate appointment
- 37 Clean Water Advisory Committee: seeking 2 appointments

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39 She asked that Commissioners sign up for any committees for which they had interest.

40 41 **Meeting Minutes**

1 *B. Werneke moved to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes; D. La Haye seconded. Motion carried.*

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3 **Reports**

4 Commissioners asked clarifying questions, noted typographical errors, and requested the meeting dates
5 for the Board of Commissioners and TAC meetings needed to be updated.

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7 Waninger provided a brief update about the NADO Washington Policy conference. Research is
8 demonstrating the impact of substance use disorder on the workforce. Discussion at the conference
9 noted that overcoming substance use disorder can take repeated attempts and at least five years.

10 Currently, 30 days' treatment is provided.

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12 **Adjournment**

13 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm; A. Quackenbush seconded. Motion carried.*

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15 Respectfully submitted,

16 Clare Rock, Senior Planner