

**Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission**  
**November 10, 2015**  
**Draft Minutes**

Present were:

Barre City: Janet Shatney

Plainfield: David Strong

Robert Atchinson-absent

Barre Town: Byron Atwood

Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico-absent

Mark Nicholson-absent

Waitsfield: Don La Haye

Harrison Snapp-absent

Berlin: Bob Wernecke

Warren: Camilla Behn

Cabot: Dick Payne

Washington: Gary Winders-absent

Calais: Paul Rose – absent

Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich

John Brabant-absent

Williamstown: Larry Hebert

Duxbury: Brian Fitzgerald

Woodbury:

East Montpelier: Julie Potter-absent

Worcester: Bill Arrand-absent

Jack Pauly-absent

Fayston: Carol Chamberlin-absent

Marshfield:

Middlesex: Ron Krauth

Montpelier: Tina Ruth

Kim Cheney-absent

Moretown: Dara Torre-absent

Northfield: Laura Hill-Eubanks

Orange: George Malek

Staff: B. Waninger, L. Emery, S. Gladczuk

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no members of the public in attendance. It was noted that Sam Andersen of the Central VT Economic Development Corporation was out of the state and would not be making a report.

The minutes of the October 13, 2015 Commission meeting were accepted as written.

Review and Acceptance of the revised Transportation Element for the 2016 Regional Plan: The motion to accept the Element was tabled at the October 13 meeting to tonight's meeting so that the Transportation Element could be reformatted and revised as recommended October 13. The tabled motion was "to accept the Transportation Element for the 2016 Regional Plan."

In reviewing the Executive Summary of the Element, it was noted that the public transit plan will be updated through work of the Green Mountain Transit Agency. Most of the high accident locations in the Central Vermont Region are located in the more urban areas of the Region. Park and ride lot usage has increased.

It was suggested that each map in the Element have a link to the website where a larger version of the map can be viewed so one can see the roads and road names more clearly.

It was queried whether the recommendations in the aviation section should be stronger to encourage greater use of the Knapp Airport. It was noted that Knapp Airport needs to develop a long range master plan and that could be added to the recommendations.

It was asked what the environmental impact is of higher traffic volume in the village areas and the increased noise level; would lowering the speed limit reduce the volume of noise. It was stated that vehicle miles traveled have been relatively level for the last four years. It may be that traffic volume from heavier vehicle types has increased and that

could be the cause of the increased noise level. The traffic volume data from VTrans is fairly extensive and would demonstrate any increase from heavier vehicles.

It was moved and seconded to remove the tabled motion from the October 13, 2015 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was stated that the revised Transportation Element is good and that it should be accepted.

It was moved and seconded to accept the revised Transportation Element for the 2016 Regional Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report: B. Waninger summarized a presentation made by economists on the future of Vermont's economy as a result of Vermont's demographics. We have an aging population and a work force with insufficient skills for what will be needed into the future. Some countries are recruiting immigrants with specific skills as part of their work force. Vermont may need to look at what its labor skills are and what will be needed into the future and begin to develop appropriate training for the needs. This would be looking ahead ten years or so to forecast what will be needed and how to get there. This will require a full discussion, including Federal immigration policy changes, by various organizations, partners and agencies.

The Clean Water Fund Board recommended a spending plan to implement the Lake Champlain Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan to decrease the amount of phosphorous in the Lake. The Winooski River is part of the Lake Champlain basin and feeds into the Lake. The Agency of Natural Resources has a fact sheet ([Vermont Clean Water Fund Board Proposed Priorities](#)) highlighting the various responsibilities and summarizing the Plan. This list includes what municipalities will be asked to do and things such as general permits that municipalities will need. There has not yet been rulemaking regarding the exact implementation of these changes, but that will be happening soon. Municipalities will be required to have a general road permit by 2021. CVRPC will assist towns with identifying where road erosion is occurring by completing our road erosion inventories for the remaining towns. CVRPC can also assist towns with developing grant applications for the funding that will be attached to cleaning up the Lake Champlain basin. Staff will be following the development of this process and the rulemaking as it moves forward.

There's an article in the November 10, 2015 Times Argus on the meeting of the Barre Area Development Corporation and the discussion on Criterion 9L for Act 250 land use permits regarding scattered development. It is being discussed that this change to 9L is a broad rule that needs clarity. The Agency of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Board are developing a guidance document on how to interpret and apply the revised 9L .

A concern was raised about the plans of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District to build a facility to process recycling and trash. The District does not yet have a business plan for this development, but is stating that they may need to charge an increased per capita fee of \$3.00. Although this development is related to Act 148, mandatory recycling and composting, the cost of the CVSWMD's proposal seems excessive. It was suggested that towns take a good look at the feasibility and cost and provide input to the Solid Waste District.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for December 8, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Emery