



Regional Plan Draft Review Committee

Nov. 24th, 4-6 pm, CVRPC Office

Safe & Affordable Housing

ATTENDEES:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Bascom, <i>Town of Barre, VTrans</i>• David Strong, <i>Town of Plainfield</i>• Laura Hill Eubanks, <i>Town of Northfield</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marianne Wolz, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>• Gail Aloisio, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>• Eric Vorwald, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>• Bonnie Waninger, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>
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MEETING PURPOSE: To review the Goals and Policies of the Draft Safe & Affordable Housing Element.

SUMMARY:

The meeting commenced at 4:08 pm.

Committee member Dave Rubin, of Capstone Community Action, would like to inform the Committee that he is no longer able to serve. A new member will need to be found to bring committee membership back to seven.

The Committee reviewed the Goals, Policies and Actions drafted by staff. Key points discussed and revisions proposed are:

- Goals are worded as a condition in the region would like to achieve; policies indicate the RPC's opinion on an issue and actions are things that the RPC or its partners can do to achieve the conditions stated in the goals or enact the policies.
- Actions will be added that CVRPC will review development proposals for consistency with policies that state that developers shall take a certain action (relating to public transit planning and mobility planning). Committee members find it important that the RPC commit to ensuring implementation of these policies.
- Committee members found that not all of the Actions under the Policy to "Promote location affordability" were specific to location of housing and should also apply to promoting affordable housing regardless of locational considerations. A new policy will be added for promoting general understanding of affordable housing issues. The actions of facilitating collaboration and education will be moved under this new policy.
- Committee members agreed that looking at a 50 year planning horizon is important for considering the housing needs of the generation that will follow the elder housing needs of the baby-boom generation. They felt that this should be a policy under the overall goal for

Changing Demographics and that the RPC should undertake action such as monitoring trends to specifically address this issue.

A quorum of members was not present to make an official motion to send the draft element (minus Housing Distribution) on for review by the Full Commission. The members determined to make a recommendation that it be forwarded, and pass this recommendation to the Executive Committee for their approval.

The meeting concluded at 6:17 pm

Wrap-up and Next Steps:

- Staff will forward revisions to committee members who were not able to attend to receive their individual feedback.
- Staff will obtain a determination from the Executive Committee as to allowing the DRC to forward draft elements to the Full Commission if the DRC did not make quorum.
- Staff will request recommendations from the Executive Committee and Vice Chair for nominations to fill the vacant committee seat.

The next DRC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 3:30 pm.**