CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEE JANUARY 31, 2018 Meeting Notes

A meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Regional Plan Committee was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in the Conference Room of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

Committee Members Present:

Laura Hill-Eubanks – Town of Northfield Ron Krauth – Town of Middlesex

Janet Shatney – Barre City Scott Bascom – Vtrans

Committee Members Absent:

Dan Hoxworth – Capstone Community Action

Dara Torre – Town of Moretown

Others Present:

Clare Rock – CVRPC Senior Planner Eric Vorwald, AICP – CVRPC Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:05pm, without a quorum of the committee present, it was determined that the meeting could not be brought to order.

CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LAND USE ELEMENT

Mr. Vorwald provided an overview and introduction regarding the purpose for reviewing the land use element. He explained that statute was updated to require a discussion of forest integrity for any plans that are updated after January 1, 2018. Since the regional plan was being updated to incorporate energy planning, the land use section would also need to be amended. He further noted that staff was proposing only the necessary updates to comply with statute and that a more in-depth discussion would occur during the update for Plan Central Vermont.

After Mr. Vorwald concluded, Ms. Rock provided an overview and update of the type of information that was being required and the process that has been on-going in the development of the guidance. The

committee members decided to work through the draft on a page by page basis to review the changes. Ms. Rock led the committee through the document and noted updates, changes, and amendments to the draft language. This also included the addition of a new map that outlines the highest priority forest blocks and the highest priority surface waters (including riparian areas). The committee suggested comments that would aide in the readability and clarification of the document.

At the end of the discussion, the committee generally agreed that future meetings were not needed and that they were comfortable with the document being forwarded to the full commission for their consideration. Since a quorum was not present, no official action could be taken to recommend this action.

With no other information to discuss, the meeting concluded at 5:30pm.

