

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE
JUNE 28, 2017
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Project Review Committee was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 in the Conference Room of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

Committee Members Present:

Bob Wernecke –	Town of Berlin
Brian Fitzgerald –	Town of Duxbury
Laura Hill-Eubanks –	Town of Northfield
Gerry D'Amico –	Town of Roxbury, Alternate

Committee Members Absent:

Byron Atwood –	Town of Barre Town
Jamie Stewart –	Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation
Janet Shatney –	Barre City

Others Present:

Eric Vorwald, AICP –	CVRPC Senior Planner
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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Hill-Eubanks noted that since the Commission had appointed new members that the Committee should elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Committee agreed and Ms. Hill-Eubanks nominated Mr. Fitzgerald as chair and Ms. Shatney as vice-chair. With no other nominations, the Committee voted 3 – 0 with Mr. Fitzgerald abstaining. At this point Mr. Fitzgerald, as the Chair, ask for any other changes to the agenda. None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wernecke made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Hill-Eubanks to approve the minutes of March 23, 2017 with corrections noted. The Committee voted 3 – 0 – 1 to approve the March 23, 2017 minutes with Mr. D'Amico abstaining since he was not in attendance.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS THAT MAY QUALIFY FOR SUBSTANTIAL REGIONAL IMPACT & UPDATE ON PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Vorwald provided the Committee with an overview of the application from Summit Ventures NE, LLC. (dba Sugarbush Resorts) for an amendment to an existing permit. Sugarbush is requesting an amendment to an existing permit that allows for amplified music as part of their summer concert series.

An upcoming event requested extending the hours of amplified music on two days of the four day festival from 11:00pm until 1:00am. This change would only impact this one event. Additionally, the amendment was only being considered to address Criterion 8 related to noise.

After a brief discussion with the Committee, it was determined that based on the application, there was not a substantial regional impact. Mr. Wernecke made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Hill-Eubanks for staff to send a letter noting that this application did not qualify for having a substantial regional impact. The Committee voted 4 – 0 in favor of the motion.

Next, Mr. Vorwald provided an update to the Committee on previous applications of interest. Specifically, he noted that the North East Materials Group rock crusher in Barre Town was denied their application. This was an application for the continued use of a rock crushing operation in conjunction with the Rock of Ages Quarry. Mr. Vorwald noted that this decision was being appealed. Mr. Vorwald asked if the Committee wanted to provide any follow-up and it was noted that since the project did not qualify as having a substantial regional impact that no follow-up was needed.

Next Mr. Vorwald provided an overview of the Cellco telecommunications tower located on the Shutesville Hill area and noted that he attended the first day of a technical hearing on April 18th but was unable to attend the second day on April 19th. Mr. Vorwald noted that replies to briefs were due by June 30th. The Committee discussed next steps in the process and it was noted that a letter had previously been sent noting that this project had a substantial regional impact and that the Commission reserved the right to comment in the future. The Committee discussed several sections of the Regional Plan where this project was not consistent. Mr. Wernecke made a motion that was seconded by Mr. D'Amico to send a letter to the Public Services Board noting the specific sections where this project was inconsistent with the Regional Plan. The Committee voted 4 – 0 in favor of this motion.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND PROCESS

Mr. Vorwald noted that this topic has been discussed for quite some time with the Committee and indicated that two documents were included with the agenda. The first document outlined the rules of procedure for establishing the Committee and the basic structure, while the second document discussed the process the Committee would engage in for review of projects and other information. In general the Committee felt the documents were a good start to a more formalized set of procedural and process objectives. The Committee discussed several changes to be made and asked staff to follow-up with a second draft to be discussed at an upcoming meeting where a recommendation to the full Commission could be considered. Additionally, Mr. Vorwald noted that he would be working on updating the criteria for determining substantial regional impact and would bring something to the Committee in the near future for review and discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Fitzgerald called for a motion to adjourn which was offered by Mr. Wernecke and seconded by Ms. Hill-Eubanks. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.