

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 10, 2016**

Commissioners:

X	Barre City	Janet Shatney	X	Moretown	Dara Torre
X	Barre Town	Byron Atwood, Chair	X	Northfield	Laura Hill-Eubanks
<input type="checkbox"/>		Mark Nicholson, Alt.	X	Orange	George Malek
X	Berlin	Bob Wernecke	X	Plainfield	David Strong, Treasurer
X	Cabot	Dick Payne	<input type="checkbox"/>		Robert Atchinson, Alt.
X	Calais	Paul Rose	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
<input type="checkbox"/>		John Brabant, Alt.	X	Waitsfield	Don La Haye
X	Duxbury	Brian Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>		Harrison Snapp, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Alan Quackenbush, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warren	Camila Behn
X	E. Montpelier	Julie Potter, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington	Gary Winders
X		Jack Pauly, Alt.	X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston	Carol Chamberlin	X	Williamstown	Larry Hebert
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	VACANT	X	Woodbury	Michael Gray
X	Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand
X	Montpelier	Tina Ruth, Secretary			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Kim Cheney, Alt.			

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Dan Currier, Eric Vorwald, Steve Gladczuck, Marianne Wolz

Guests: Sam Anderson, CVEDC; Bill Moore, CV Chamber; Gary Root and Jan Ohlsson Calais

CALL TO ORDER

Chair B. Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with introductions.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARING – CALAIS TOWN PLAN APPROVAL

J. Shatney moved to open the public hearing; G. Malek seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Root from the Calais Planning Commission talked about how the Town Plan was developed and the process for adoption. He voiced appreciation for the review process CVRPC staff and Plan Review Committee put into the plan prior to this meeting. *D. Payne moved to close the public hearing; P. Rose seconded. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

TOWN PLAN APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION - CALAIS

E. Vorwald provided an overview of the Town of Calais's Town Plan, noting it was approved by the Calais Planning Commission and Selectboard, and was forwarded to the CVRPC for regional approval. He noted the Town Plan Review Committee recommended the plan be approved and the Town's planning process be confirmed.

1 J. Potter presented comments on behalf of the Town Plan Review Committee. The plan was
2 developed by the planning commission with extensive comments from other constituents.
3 Enhancing and expanding villages was the focus of the plan. There are very specific goals,
4 strategies, and actions with the identified person/persons or group responsible for completing the
5 actions. The plan uses very specific policy language where appropriate so that in statewide
6 permitting the town has that to use. The plan could use more graphics and updated maps. The
7 Committee recommended plan approval, and confirmation of the Town's planning process.

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9 Commissioners extensively discussed the plan's compatibility with the Regional Plan as it
10 related to the Regional Housing Distribution Plan. G. Malek questioned the lack of a future land
11 use map and a map identifying the locations and number of housing units. J. Ohlsson addressed
12 the question by noting that the Town has a nature resources inventory underway with phase one
13 done and phase two started. The data will be used to create the future land use map. L. Hebert
14 commented that it's important to have all the requirement elements included in the plan for it to
15 be approved. E. Vorwald commented that preferred growth areas are for future development can
16 be determined by taking the existing maps and text in the plan which focuses on areas the Town
17 does not want growth to occur.

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19 Commissioners discussed whether the plan could be approved conditionally or for a set period.
20 B. Waninger noted that statute did not address conditional approval. An approval extends
21 through the plan's life unless changes are made that remove statutory requirements.

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23 *L. Hebert moved to not approve the plan because it's missing a housing element map; G. Malek*
24 *seconded.* In discussion, Commissioners discussed whether the motion should have been in the
25 positive (to approve) and whether the plan could be approved with a requirement to add a
26 housing map later. *G. D'Amico raised a point of order to change the motion to approve the plan*
27 *and allow it to be voted down.* The point was not ruled on. *D. LaHaye moved to amend the*
28 *motion on the floor to approve the plan conditionally given that the text exists but no map; R.*
29 *Krauth seconded.* In discussion, J Potter pointed out that there is a map in the plan showing
30 expanded village districts. She believes this meets the requirement.

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32 B. Wernecke requested both motions be voted down, and the plan approved. A Commissioner
33 asked if Calais can include the map in the plan before approval. G. Root said it could, but that
34 would delay the process by months if not a year for Selectboard approval. *After further*
35 *discussion D. LaHaye withdrew his motion to amend L. Hebert's motion, and L. Hebert*
36 *withdrew his motion as well.*

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38 *B. Wernecke moved to approve the plan, confirm Calais' planning process, and adopt the*
39 *resolution as presented in the meeting packet; G. D'Amico seconded. Motion carried 15-4.*
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41 J. Potter encourages every commission member on a planning commission to submit their plan to
42 the RPC as soon as a draft is ready for review.

43 44 **APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

45 D. Payne said the minutes did not list Cabot, or his absence from the meeting. *B. Wernecke*
46 *moved to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes with changes; P. Rose seconded. Motion carried.*

1 **STAFF REPORTS**

2 No updates.

4 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

5 B. Waninger noted the energy sitting bill was passed but the final version did not include the
6 funds to do the work. The House and Senate Committee Chairs and the Governor's office stated
7 it was an error, and the funds would be added through the budget update process. The final text
8 is still not available, but when it is she will send it out to everyone.

10 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

11 B. Waninger reported on the Health Department's new campaign 3-4-50: 3 behaviors lead to 4
12 illnesses that lead to 50% of the deaths in Vermont. VTrans is conducting a commuter rail study
13 from St. Albans to Montpelier. Steve will represent CVRPC. The Agency of Agriculture
14 presented to VAPDA on its agricultural lands mitigation program. They conducted a pilot in
15 Chittenden County to see what the on-site mitigation land is being used for and what percentage
16 is being actively farmed. Eventually they will do this work statewide. If the Commission is
17 interested, Waninger will invite them in to present their work. Commissioners nodded assent.

19 **CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT**

20 S. Anderson reported CVEDC is waiting to see final bills out of the Statehouse. The
21 Independent Contractor bill died in committee. She thanked Bonnie and Bill for hosting and
22 facilitating at the VT Futures Project event. More details on this project can be found at
23 <http://www.vtfuturesproject.org/>. CVEDC annual breakfast is in July and Commissioners are
24 welcome to attend. CVEDC host its annual Central Vermont job fair and reported have 788 job
25 seekers. They will have more number to report out on the job fair in the coming months.

27 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

28 S. Lotspeich reported that 17 ballots were returned. The following were duly elected: B.
29 Atwood – Chair; J. Potter – Vice-Chair; D. Strong – Treasurer; T. Ruth – Secretary; D. La Haye
30 – At-Large; L. Hill-Eubanks – At-Large; and L. Hebert – At-Large.

32 **VERMONT CLEAN WATER ACT**

33 D. Currier presented on the VT Clean Water Act (ACT 64). He covered the following topics:
34 Lake Champlain Total Maximum Dailey Load (TMDL) report, new Municipal Road General
35 Permit, new Three Acres of Impervious Surface General Permit, the Department of Agriculture's
36 new Required Agricultural Practices and Tactical Basin Planning. The timeline for the final
37 permits is 2018 with drafts ready in 2017. Comments of questions should be send to
38 currier@cvregion.com.

40 **ADJOURNMENT**

41 *B. Wernecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. R. Krauth seconded. Motion carried.*

43 Respectfully submitted,

46 Daniel Currier