

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
December 13, 2016**

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**Staff:** Bonnie Waninger, Eric Vorwald, Marion Wolz, Daniel Currier

**Guests:** Lauren Masseria (Agency of Agriculture), Stephanie Smith (Agency of Agriculture) Bill Moore (Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with introductions.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**MEETING MINUTES**

*J. Shatney moved to approve the November 8, 2016 minutes as presented; D. La Haye seconded. B. Wernecke asked for a clarification on page 2, line 20. The clarification was noted. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of approving the motion.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

No additional information was provided.

1 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2 B. Waninger reported that Municipal Planning Grants were announced and the CVRPC is talking  
3 with municipalities regarding Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and energy planning in an effort to  
4 start setting the FY18 work plan. Discussion also included information regarding a memo that  
5 was included in the agenda from the Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies  
6 (VAPDA) regarding comments on revenue options for water quality funding.  
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8 **CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT**

9 No report was provided. B. Waninger noted that J. Stewart would be providing quarterly updates  
10 to the Commission instead of monthly reports.  
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12 **ACT 250 AGRICULTURAL LANDS MITIGATION MAPPING PROJECT**

13 L. Masseria and S. Smith from the Agency of Agriculture provided an overview of a mapping  
14 project that has been on-going within the agency to map lands that have been mitigated through  
15 the Act 250 process. The presentation included an overview of the Agency of Agriculture's role  
16 in the Act 250 process with L. Masseria noting the agency primarily deals with Criterion 9b  
17 which addresses prime agricultural soils. The presentation included information regarding on-  
18 site and off-site mitigations noting that off-site mitigations typically involved a fee to the  
19 Vermont Housing Conservation Board for funds to be used to conserve active farms.  
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21 It was noted that the mapping project began in 2015 and was for Chittenden County only. The  
22 2016 project included the rest of the state and has been completed. L. Masseria noted that the  
23 project included applications from 2006 to the present. It was noted that many of the records do  
24 not exist or are not detailed enough to determine what lands were mitigated on-site prior to 2006.  
25 It was noted that there are 111 on-site mitigation areas that total approximately 1,400 acres of land  
26 with District 5 (which includes the CVRPC) having the second most land with on-site mitigation  
27 in the state.  
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29 L. Masseria outlined the goals of the project and discussed next steps. Members of the  
30 Commission engaged in discussion including questions regarding the program including  
31 enforcement and how off-site mitigation has been used. This item was included for information  
32 and did not require action.  
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34 **REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING**

35 E. Vorwald provided an overview of the rules of procedure for the Regional Energy Committee  
36 noting that the committee met and discussed the document. E. Vorwald noted one correction  
37 related to the date of Act 174. G. Malek made a motion to approve the rules of procedure with the  
38 correction to the date as noted. B. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.  
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40 Discussion included questions about why the committee was exempt from following the  
41 Commission's bylaws. This discussion continued involving multiple members of the Commission  
42 and staff. The question was called for and vote was taken on the motion. The Commission voted  
43 unanimously to approve the rules of procedure for the Regional Energy Committee including the  
44 change in date for Act 174.

1 D. Currier provided the Commission with an overview of the mapping requirements for the  
2 regional energy plan including known constraints, possible constraints, and the differences  
3 between the two. D. Currier also discussed additional constraints that were specific to the region  
4 that should be considered including steep slopes, elevation limits, municipal lands, lakeshore  
5 protection, and properties in Current Use program.  
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7 Discussion continued regarding the purpose of the maps and deadlines for information. D. Currier  
8 asked the Commission to identify areas that they felt were appropriate for renewable energy siting  
9 as well as any additional constraints that should be included in the mapping. D. Currier noted that  
10 a deliverable of maps was due December 15, 2016, however edits would be made after that date  
11 to address specific issues or concerns. Commissioners were generally in favor of adding the  
12 specific constraints as noted in the presentation. This item was for information and did not require  
13 official action.  
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#### 15 **RESOLUTION REGARDING REGULAR MEETING DATES**

16 B. Waninger noted that a resolution was included with the regular meeting dates and times of  
17 committees of the Commission. The resolution is required as per open meeting laws. G. Malek  
18 made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. D. La Haye seconded the motion. S.  
19 Lotspeich noted that the Transportation Advisory Committee discussed changing their starting  
20 time to 6:30pm. The motion was amended to reflect this change. With no other comments, the  
21 Commission voted unanimously to approve the resolution with the change in time for the  
22 Transportation Advisory Committee.  
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#### 25 **ADJOURNMENT**

26 B. Wernecke moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by G. Malek. The Commission  
27 voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at  
28 8:50pm.  
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30 Respectfully submitted,

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32 Eric Vorwald