

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 9, 2017**

Commissioners:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre City	Janet Shatney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montpelier	Kirby Keeton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre Town	Byron Atwood, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Moretown	Mike Miller, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Berlin	Mark Nicholson, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Northfield	Dara Torre
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabot	Robert Wernecke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange	Laura Hill-Eubanks
<input type="checkbox"/> Calais	Karla Nuissl, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plainfield	VACANT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duxbury	Dick Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Roxbury	David Strong, Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Montpelier	John Brabant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield	Robert Atchinson, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fayston	Jan Ohlsson, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren	Gerry D'Amico
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshfield	Brian Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington	Don La Haye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middlesex	Alan Quackenbush, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterbury	Harrison Snapp, Alt.
	Julie Potter, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Williamstown	Camilla Behn
	Jack Pauly, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury	Gary Winders
	Carol Chamberlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester	Steve Lotspeich
	Ivan Shadis		Larry Hebert
	Ron Krauth		Michael Gray
			Bill Arrand

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Eric Vorwald, and Ashley Andrews

Guests: Gaye Symington (High Meadows Fund)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair B. Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Quorum was present. The meeting began with introductions.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Gaye Symington, President, High Meadows Fund

Symington addressed the topic, "Thinking Regionally, and Assessing Whether It Works" by providing an overview of how the High Meadows Fund operates and discussing the Fund's watershed resilience program. The program aims to support resilience, healthy soil, and clean water through work at a watershed scale.

The Mad River Valley (Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston, Moretown, and Duxbury) was one of six watershed teams awarded funding. Watersheds across the state identified the common challenge of private driveways and culverts impacting municipal roads. High Meadows used the results of the watershed work to advocate for a state policy change permitting state funds to be used on private

1 roads when public benefit could be demonstrated. Identifying common challenges was one method
2 High Meadows used for assessing whether its program works.

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4 Symington also discussed the challenge of keeping towns and stake holders interested in watershed
5 resilience programs in the long run. Overall, High Meadows considered the watershed approach
6 effective and plan to allocate funds for an additional round.

7 8 **REGIONAL APPROVAL BARRE TOWN PLAN**

9 J. Potter reported that Barre Town had requested review and approval of updates to its plan. The
10 updates primarily focused on energy related issues. The Town Plan Review Committee, which
11 consisted of Potter, Ron Krauth, Bill Arrand, and Ivan Shadis, reviewed and held a public hearing on
12 the Plan changes. The Committee found that the amendments meet all the requirements for approval
13 under both the Commission's review process and Section §4350 of Chapter 117.

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15 Commissioners requested clarification on the resolution language related to expiration of approval
16 and whether Barre Town's Plan had expired. E. Vorwald noted the expiration language is standard
17 language as a reminder to municipalities. Barre Town's Plan had not expired. Staff completed a
18 consultation with Barre Town in 2012.

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20 *D. Strong moved to approve the 2016 Barre Town Plan and to confirm the Town's planning process*
21 *as noted in the resolution; J. Shatney seconded. Motion carried.*

22 23 **APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

24 *L. Hebert moved to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as presented; D. La Haye seconded. Motion*
25 *carried with one abstention.*

26 27 **STAFF REPORTS**

28 Waninger report that CVRPC advertised a mid to senior level Planner position and has received 11
29 applications. The applicant pool is strong, and CVRPC aims to have the position filled by July 1.
30 CVRPC is also hiring two planning technicians (interns) to assist with summer field work.

31 32 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

33 Waninger shared the project permitting flowchart with the Commissioners as briefly discussed the
34 upcoming focus on modernizing the permit process.

35 36 **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

37 Waninger discussed various bills that were moving through the legislative process.

38 39 **Nominating Committee Report**

40 D. Strong delivered the Nominating Committee Report. The Committee consisted of David Strong,
41 Byron Atwood, and Ivan Shadis. The Committee recommends the following slate for the FY18
42 Executive Committee:

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44 – Chair, Julie Potter
45 – Vice Chair, Laura Hill-Eubanks
46 – Treasurer, Michael Gray

- 1 – Secretary, Dara Torre
2 – At large, Steve Lotspeich, Don LaHaye, and Byron Atwood.
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4 B. Atwood requested additional nominations from the floor. None were offered.
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6 *D. Strong moved to have staff send election ballots to Commissioners; B. Fitzgerald seconded. Motion*
7 *carried.*
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9 **Committee Appointments**

10 J. Potter said she had contacted Commissioners to assess interest in joining committees. Vacancies and
11 seats for appointment include: the Project Review, Regional Plan, Town Plan Review, and Brownfield
12 Committees. Appointments/Elections will occur at the June meeting. Commissioners are requested to
13 contact Julie Potter if interested in serving.
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15 **Resolution Regarding Regular Meeting Dates**

16 *B. Fitzgerald moved to approve the resolution as presented; R. Krauth seconded. Motion carried.*
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18 **ADJOURNMENT**

19 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm; B. Arrand seconded. Motion carried.*
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21 Respectfully submitted,
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23 Ashley Andrews, GIS Planner