

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
April 9, 2019

Commissioners:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Barre City | Janet Shatney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Moretown | Dara Torre, Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Heather Grandfield, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Joyce Manchester, Alt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Barre Town | Byron Atwood | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Northfield | Laura Hill-Eubanks, Vice-Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Mark Nicholson, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orange | Lee Cattaneo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Berlin | Robert Wernecke | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plainfield | Bram Towbin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Karla Nuissl, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Paula Emery, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cabot | Amy Hornblas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Roxbury | Jerry D'Amico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Calais | John Brabant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waitsfield | Don La Haye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jan Ohlsson, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Harrison Snapp, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Duxbury | Alan Quackenbush | <input type="checkbox"/> | Warren | Camilla Behn |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | E. Montpelier | Julie Potter, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Washington | Peter Carbee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Jack Pauly, Alt. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waterbury | Steve Lotspeich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fayston | Karl Klein | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Williamstown | Richard Turner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marshfield | Melissa Seifert | <input type="checkbox"/> | Williamstown | Jacqueline Higgins, Alt. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Middlesex | Ron Krauth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Woodbury | Michael Gray, Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Montpelier | Kirby Keeton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Worcester | Bill Arrand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Mike Miller, Alt. | | | |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Clare Rock

Call to Order

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business.

Adjustments to the Agenda

n/a

Public Comments

B Waninger circulated the following items:

- My favorite Pizza is? Commissioners were asked to write down their favorite type of pizza, to be ordered for future Commission Meetings.
- CVRPC Conflict of Interest Policy forms. Some Commissioner have not signed the CVRPC Conflict of Interest, if you have not signed the policy please do so this evening.

Essentials of Land Use Planning: A primer on regulating development in Vermont

Clare Rock gave the Essentials powerpoint presentation. The presentation provided the history of planning in Vermont as background for the subsequent Act 250 presentation and discussion.

1 Paula Emery requested a copy of the presentation.

3 **Act 250 Updates**

4 B Waninger gave the Act 250 Updates powerpoint presentation. During the presentation B Waninger
5 noted that while the legislation on Act 250 proposals will not move this legislative session, some parts
6 might move as stand alone legislation, such as the forest integrity piece.

8 During the presentation the Board had the following discussions:

10 Regarding the *Summery of Recommendations: Local and Regional Plan Approval and Use* topic (slide 6) B
11 Waninger asked "Should the Regional Plan be reviewed by another agency/party for consistency will
12 state statute (similar to how the RPC reviews and approves municipal plans)?"

13 By an informal show of hands, the majority of the Board was in agreement that the regional plan should
14 be reviewed by another entity for statory consistency (one person was against.)

15 Board members asked about the make up of the VT Environmental Review Board, as outlined in the
16 presentation, are they appointed by the Governor? The answer is unknown at this time.

18 B Waninger asked "Who is the right party to review Regional Plans?" The Board discussed wheather a
19 state agency representative and/or peer review might make more sence vs appointed body and
20 suggested an entity similar to the Downtown Board vs by the same board who would review an Act 250
21 application would be most appropriate to review a regional plan. Board members were in general
22 agreement that an alternate body should be responsible for reviewing the regional plan (an example
23 would be similar to the Downtown Board.)

25 Discussion followed about the *Municipal Plan Approval and Use* recommendations as presented in the
26 presentation. Discussion followed about whether the municipality has party status and/or wheather the
27 municipal plan has party status. The Board was genrally ok with the proposed recommendations as
28 presented in the presentation but has additional questions about the proposed standing of the town
29 and it's plan.

31 Regarding the *Summery of Recommendations:Transportation Criteria* topic (Slide 7):

- 32 • Recommendation 1 - Adds consideration of *bicycle, pedestrian, and other transit infrastructure*.
33 Majority of the Board was in favor of this recommendation.
- 34 • Recommendation 2 - Expands consideration of safe *use*, access, and connections to adjacent
35 lands and facilities. Some members of the Board were in favor, many wanted more information
36 because it sound too vague.
- 37 • Recommendation 3 - Requires District Commission state when it *declines to require*
38 transportation demand management strategies *by issuing a finding*. No clear support by the
39 Board, on the surface it sounds good but sounds like it would create more administrative work.

41 At the next meeting the Commission will review the following Act 250-related topics: Energy, Intersate
42 Interchange, Enhanced Designation as included in the presentation. If there are additional areas the
43 Commission would like to discussion please let B Waninger know.

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2 People would like a color copy of the presentation for review. CVRPC has also put together some maps
3 regarding interstate interchanges and can distribute those.
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5 **Committee Rules of Procedure**

6 C Rock noted that the one significant change was the addition of item #2 under the Purpose statement.
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8 *B Arrand moved to approve the Town Plan Review Committee Rules of Procedure as presented, seconded*
9 *by R Turner, all in favor. So voted.*
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11 **Nominating Committee Report**

12 B Atwood thanked ---- and to ----. Special thanks to Nancy for taking the minutes. The following
13 nominations are being made:

14 Julie Potter, past chair and at-large member

15 Jerry D, Roxbury, at-large member

16 Janet Shatney, Barre City, at-large member

17 Darra Torre, Moretown, Secretary

18 Micheal Gray, Woodbury, Treasurer

19 Steve Lotspeich, Waterbury, Vice Chair

20 Laura HillEubanks, Northfield, Chair
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22 Ballots will be sent to Commissioners. The Commission will vote at the May meeting and any additional
23 nominations may be made from the floor at that meeting before the official voting.
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25 **CVRPC Committees**

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27 Hill-Eubanks announced the following openings and is requesting volunteers/nominations for the
28 following Committees:

29 Project Review Committee: seeking 2 appointments

30 Town Plan Review Committee: seeking 5 appointments and an alternate member

31 Brownfields Advisory – seeking 1 alternate appointment

32 Clean Water Advisory Committee – seeking 2 appointments
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34 If you are interested please sign up on the sheet which was included in your packet.
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36 **Meeting Minutes**

37 *B Werneke moved to approve March 12, 2019 minutes; seconded by D LeHaye. Motion carried.*
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39 **Reports**

40 Couple of clarifying questions about typo's and clarifying question about the THRIVE information. The
41 meeting dates for Board of Commissioners and TAC need to be updated.
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B Waninger provided a brief update from Washington and the NADO conference: Research showing how we actually overcome substance abuse disorders and the impacts on the workforce and employers.

Adjournment

D LeHaye moved to adjourn at 8:10pm; A Quackenbush seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Rock, Senior Planner