

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 11, 2019

Commissioners:

<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>		Jim Volz, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabot	Amy Hornblas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico
<input checked="" 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.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jack Pauly, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Washington	Peter Carbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston	Karl Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	Robin Schunk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown	Richard Turner
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Montpelier	Kirby Keeton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woodbury	Michael Gray, Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Miller, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand, Zachary Maia

Guests: Jamie Stewart, CVEDC; Julie Moore, Secretary of ANR; Grace Messinger, Piedmont Conservation Council

CALL TO ORDER

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business. The meeting began with introductions. Chair Potter welcomed Commissioner Alison Duckworth of Warren and Zach Maia, CVRPC Assistant Planner.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT**

2 Jamie Stewart advised that CVRDC's 2019 Job Fair was the largest in the state and very well attended.
3 He noted that many attending are currently employed and looking for new opportunities and that
4 vendors reported a good quality of candidates and were able to fill positions. Also noted was the event
5 CVEDC held during Capital for a Day at Yestermorrow Build & Design School. Stewart stated the take
6 away from this event was that many businesses were supportive of having a refugee population
7 welcomed in Vermont in order that Vermont can be a leader for these types of resources and build our
8 workforce in that manner. Additional discussion ensued on the issues of underemployment,
9 unemployment, barriers to employment, employee retention, and workforce training. Stewart noted
10 CVEDC is spending lot of time with businesses to develop their existing work force.
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12 Stewart advised that the Vermont Training Program obtained over \$250,000 in funding. CVEDC will be
13 hosting a Leadership Training on Conflict in the Workplace at Norwich University on June 28th. He closed
14 noted that Lawson's Finest Liquids is paying a living wage with full benefits to all staff, including wait and
15 bar staff. Any tips are pooled and donated to area charities.
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17 **AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

18 Chair Potter introduced Julie Moore, Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources. Secretary Moore
19 provided an update on agency initiatives; specifically addressing Act 64 – Vermont's Clean Water Act
20 which was implemented in 2016.
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22 The necessary reduction of phosphorus outlined in the act is being addressed through a variety of
23 regulatory programs (i.e. stormwater management, enhancing nutrient removal at wastewater
24 treatment facilities) as well as voluntary projects (i.e. floodplain protection, wetland restoration).
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26 Moore noted that the State needs to develop incentives and funding to ensure projects get
27 facilitated/built; and that the Agency is looking at their organizational structure to see how they can best
28 support this work. There is concern that the ongoing operation and maintenance of projects being built
29 cannot be supported by the current ANR staffing structure. As a result, S96 was passed by the
30 Legislature and is pending Governor signature. This bill provides additional funding for clean water and
31 charges ANR with setting up regional clean water entities to manage voluntary projects.
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33 Additional discussion ensued regarding what mechanisms are in place to follow projects and determine
34 their efficacy; regulation of manure spreading on fields both in the winter and also immediately prior to
35 storm events. Also discussed was the capacity of sewage plant overflows during significant rainstorms;
36 as well as the potential conflict between policies and practices (i.e. Cabot's wastewater being spread on
37 fields in Plainfield). There was also discussion of river corridor and forest integrity programs; the
38 potential for creating adaptive bylaws that can incorporate the best science to avoid conflicts, and the
39 need for ANR staff to better understand how municipalities work.
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1 **CVRPC BYLAW AMENDMENT**

2 Chair Potter noted the Board will take no action on this item. The document is being reviewed by
3 CVRPC's attorney. Action is anticipated in the fall. Potter opened the floor for general discussion on
4 the draft bylaw amendments.
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6 There was considerable discussion regarding Section 802. Commissioners provided direction to change
7 adoption of municipal dues from the Executive Committee to the Commission. The Executive
8 Committee will recommend the level of dues to the Commission.
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10 Recommended changes will be incorporated into a new draft with counsel recommendations. A new
11 draft will be brought back to the Commission for review.
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13 B. Waninger recommended the Commission include language related to intermunicipal service
14 agreements (24 V.S.A. § 4345b), an optional RPC duty.
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16 Chair Potter advised that the Bylaws Working Group will reconvene over the summer, discuss
17 recommendations, and provide a draft to the Executive Committee, which will make the final
18 recommendation to the Board. Rich Turner advised he would like to rejoin the Working Group.
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20 **ELECTIONS**

21 Secretary D. Torre provided a report on the results of the elections for the Executive
22 Officers/Committee.

23	Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair	14 votes
24	Steven Lotspeich, Vice Chair	14 votes
25	Michael Gray, Treasurer	15 votes
26	Dara Torre, Secretary	15 votes
27	Julie Potter, Member at Large (Past Chair)	15 votes
28	Gerry D'Amico, Member at Large	15 votes
29	Janet Shatney, Member at Large	15 votes

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31 J. Potter noted it has been a privilege to serve as Chair and passed the gavel to Laura Hill-Eubanks, who
32 chaired the remainder of the meeting.
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34 **BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

35 *A. Quackenbush moved to authorize the newly elected Chair and Treasurer; and Executive Director*
36 *Bonnie Waninger as signatories on the Northfield Savings, People's United, and Community National*
37 *bank accounts; P. Carbee seconded. Motion carried.*

38 **COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

39 Chair Hill-Eubanks directed the Board to a corrected slate provided at the meeting, noting there was an
40 error in the packet.
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1 Nominations outlined were as follows:

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3 *Project Review Committee* (3 year terms)

4 Peter Carbee

5 Lee Cattaneo

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7 *Town Plan Review Committee* (1 year terms)

8 Ron Krauth

9 Lee Cattaneo

10 Jan Ohlsson

11 Joyce Manchester

12 Bill Arrand

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14 *Brownfields Advisory Committee* (2 year term)

15 Michael Gray (alternate seat)

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17 *Clean Water Advisory Committee* (2 year terms)

18 Amy Hornblas (Commissioner)

19 Rich Turner (Commissioner alternate seat)

20 Larry Becker (municipal representative)

21 Stewart Clark (municipal representative)

22 Joyce Manchester (interested stakeholder)

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24 Chair Hill-Eubanks opened nominations from the floor. No nominations were provided from the floor.

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26 *B. Atwood moved to approve the slate for Committee nominations; D. La Haye seconded. Motion*
27 *carried.*

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29 *B. Atwood moved to appoint Laura Hill-Eubanks as representative to Vermont Association of Planning &*
30 *Development Agencies; J. Shatney seconded. Motion carried.*

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32 *J. Shatney moved to appoint Bonnie Waninger as representative to Vermont Economic Progress Council;*
33 *S. Lotspeich seconded. Motion carried.*

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35 *S. Lotspeich moved to appoint Bonnie Waninger as representative and Dan Currier as alternate to Green*
36 *Mountain Transit; R. Wernecke seconded. Motion carried.*

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38 *D. Torre moved to appoint Bonnie Waninger as representative to Mad River Valley Planning District; J.*
39 *Shatney seconded. In discussion, it was noted that a footnote in the slate stated the Executive Director*
40 *usually appointed CVRPC's represented to the District. Waninger clarified that the Commission had*
41 *previously delegated this appointment to the Director. Motion carried.*
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1 **MEETING MINUTES**

2 S. Lotspeich noted corrections needed:

- 3 • Page 37, Line 2 – replace “aa” with “a”; and
4 • Page 38, Line 7, 1st paragraph, 2nd to last line – add a “d” to “procee”.
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6 *D. La Haye moved to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes with changes; R. Turner seconded. Motion*
7 *carried.*
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9 **REPORTS**

10 B. Waninger said CVRPC continues to interview VISTA applicants. The VISTA member would be working
11 on research projects about how municipalities are approaching child care goals; actions communities are
12 taking in housing; resource kits for municipal plans; cell phone coverage inventories; supporting regional
13 energy roundtables for municipal energy committees; and working on transportation and transition
14 from deviated fixed route service to fixed route with stand alone paratransit service.
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16 Gerry D’Amico requested acknowledgement of Julie’s service as chair. D. La Haye requested a round of
17 applause, which was gladly given.
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19 **ADJOURNMENT**

20 *B. Wernecke moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm; D. La Haye seconded. Motion carried.*
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22 Respectfully submitted,
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24 Nancy Chartrand
25 Office Manager