

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**July 9, 2019**

Commissioners:

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<input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Miller, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand, Clare Rock

Guests: Anne Margolis, VT Dept. of Public Service; Steve Knowlton, East Montpelier Energy Committee

**Call To Order**

Chair L. Hill-Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business.  
The meeting began with introductions.

**Adjustments To The Agenda**

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Energy Storage**

Chair Hill-Eubanks introduced Anne Margolis of the Planning Division of the Vermont Department of Public Service who provided a presentation on energy storage. Margolis advised the Department has been studying energy storage for several years now and that there are many storage projects currently in Vermont. It is an ongoing puzzle to address the needs. She informed the Board of the current technologies being used in Vermont, both residential and commercial; with the primary source being the Lithium Ion battery. She advised that cost effective batteries store energy for four hours; currently

1 there is no longer term storage available that is cost effective. State energy policy requires solutions to  
2 be cost effective. It was noted that smaller utilities are challenged by their size when it comes to  
3 leveraging cost effective storage.

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5 In 2017 the Public Service Department was charged with submitting a report on the issue of deploying  
6 energy storage on the Vermont electric transmission and distribution system. A copy of this report is  
7 available on CVRPC's website - Energy Storage Study. Margolis noted that while there has been  
8 significant activity and new information learned since the report, the conclusions still hold valid and true  
9 and it has a lot of good information.

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11 Margolis said Vermont currently has no targeted goals for storage; however, the State is still doing quite  
12 well in facilitating storage options. She outlined the benefits of storage – peak shaving, regional energy  
13 markets, renewable integration, and resilience. She noted that Vermont is not energy self-sufficient and  
14 relies on and works with other sources the New England Region to meet the peak needs.

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16 Significant discussion ensued with several questions from the Board regarding the potential for the State  
17 to provide credits for municipalities who invest in storage; the costs and benefits to municipalities as a  
18 whole in addition to individual homeowners; decommissioning and lifespan of the storage facilities; and  
19 what a reasonable goal of storage would be statewide.

#### 20 21 **Municipal Plan Determination Of Energy Compliance**

22 Bill Arrand presented the findings of the Town Plan Review Committee on the Determination of Energy  
23 Compliance for the Waterbury Municipal Plan. The Board had approved the Plan previously. Arrand  
24 said the Town Plan Review Committee held a second hearing. It recommends that the Commission  
25 make a positive finding for the Determination of Energy Compliance. There was additional discussion  
26 regarding Shutesville Wildlife Corridor and its specific constraints.

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28 Also discussed was that energy determination encompasses issues that are more complex than a regular  
29 town plan. It was recommended that a lot of outreach be conducted during the process, and that  
30 consistency is important between the regional plan and individual town plans (i.e. Shutesville Wildlife  
31 Corridor is not identified in the regional plan as constrained).

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33 S. Lotspeich advised that the Waterbury Conservation Commission is working closely with the  
34 Waterbury Planning Commission on the Shutesville Wildlife Corridor issue. It was noted that since  
35 Determination of Energy Compliance provides the community with Substantial Deference in the  
36 Certificate of Public Good process, which gives the Town more leverage with any decisions related to  
37 projects that might arise.

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39 *B. Atwood moved to approve the Determination of Energy Compliance for the Town of Waterbury*  
40 *Municipal Plan; D. La Haye seconded. Arrand noted that since Waterbury's Plan is approved they can*  
41 *make changes to the plan, such as making Shutesville Corridor more constrained against development.*  
42 *B. Atwood amended the motion to add "and to authorize the Chair to sign the resolution". D. La Haye*  
43 *seconded the amendment. S. Lotspeich and A. Hornblas abstained from voting. Motion carried.*  
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1     **Municipal Plan Approval & Confirmation of Planning Process**

2     Arrand advised the Town Plan Review Committee met immediately prior to the Board meeting. He  
3     noted that after significant discussion, the Town Plan Review Committee recommended the Commission  
4     approve both the plan and the planning process for the Middlesex Town Plan. There is no energy  
5     component to this Town Plan. C. Rock added that the recommendation is for provisional approval; the  
6     approval is contingent on the municipality formally adopting the plan later this summer without  
7     substantive changes as determined by CVRPC. The Middlesex Planning Commission approved the plan,  
8     and it was submitted to the Selectboard. The Selectboard hearing is later in July with a town-wide vote  
9     to be held in August. The reason for recommending a provisional approval is to allow the Plan to be  
10    approved ahead of the September 30 Municipal Planning Grant application deadline. Middlesex is  
11    planning to apply for a grant. An approved Plan must be in place for it to be eligible for the grant.

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13    *J. Potter moved to approve the the Town of Middlesex Town Plan, confirm the planning process under 24*  
14    *VSA 4350(a), and approve the Chair's signature of the resolution; D. Torre seconded. Motion carried.*

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16    **FY20 Work Plan & Budget**

17    Chair Hill-Eubanks advised this item is being tabled and will be presented at a later date.

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19    **Resolution on Complying with Vermont Open Meeting Law**

20    B. Waninger gave an overview of the resolution as it relates to the Commission and its committees that  
21    meet regularly. The resolution notes where information for meetings is posted and can be obtained.

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23    *B. Atwood moved to adopt the resolution; R. Krauth seconded. Motion carried.*

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25    **Meeting Minutes**

26    J. Potter had comments on page 50 of packet – Line 2: document is being “reviewed” not revised. Line  
27    10: word missing- recommended changes will be “incorporated” into a new draft.

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29    *J. Potter moved to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes with the noted changes; B. Arrand seconded.*  
30    *Motion carried.*

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32    **Reports**

33    Waninger notified the Board that Jonathan DeLaBruere tendered his resignation today. Staff will post  
34    the position tomorrow and fill the position as quickly as possible.

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36    **Adjournment**

37    *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:21 pm; S. Lotspeich seconded. Motion carried.*

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39    Respectfully submitted,

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41    Nancy Chartrand  
42    Office Manager