

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
November 12, 2019

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Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand

Guests: Lisa Maxwell, Montpelier Development Corporation; Baylen Slote, Plainfield Town Health Officer; Ericka Reil, VCIL; Nathan Besio, VCIL

Call To Order

Chair Hill-Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business. The meeting began with introductions.

Adjustments To The Agenda

The agenda was readjusted to accommodate speakers.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Community Health Needs Assessment

Speaker was not present.

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2 **CVRPC Bylaw Amendment**

3 L. Hill-Eubanks introduced Julie Potter, who directed the Board to the information in the packet and
4 provided an overview of the bylaw update process and why it was undertaken by the Bylaws Working
5 Group (Rich Turner, Julie Potter, and Steve Lotspeich). A draft amendment was brought to the Board in
6 June of 2019 for review and discussion; which had also been sent to CVRPC counsel for review and
7 comment. It was concurred in June to bring another draft back after counsel review. Recommendations
8 were made by counsel and reviewed with the working group and staff. Additional changes have been
9 made since that review, which are outlined in the draft in the packet; such as municipal agreements,
10 indemnification, electronic signatures as well as some overall reorganization of the current bylaws.
11 Executive Committee has reviewed the current draft and agreed it was time to bring to the full Board for
12 review, discussion and potential adoption. It is a two-step process to adopt amended bylaws. It is
13 hoped that we will put some form of bylaw amendment on the next Board agenda for consideration for
14 adoption. Floor was opened to questions, but none were raised.
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16 *G. D'Amico made a motion to put the proposed bylaws amendment on the next Board agenda for an*
17 *adoption vote, seconded by S. Lotspeich. Motion carried.*
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19 B. Atwood commented on how fine a job the Working Group did on the document.
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21 **Committee Appointment**

22 L. Hill-Eubanks inquired at last meeting regarding interest in serving on the Regional Plan Committee.
23 Marcella Dent, new Commissioner from Montpelier, has advised interest.
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25 *J. Potter made a motion to nominate Marcella Dent, Commissioner from Montpelier, to join the Regional*
26 *Planning Committee; seconded by D. Torre. Motion carried.*
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28 **People Centered Communications**

29 Bonnie Waninger introduced Ericka Reil and Nate Besio from Vermont Center for Independent Living
30 (VCIL). VCIL does a lot of trainings about inclusion. They have adapted a training for the Board
31 regarding public engagement for an aging population.
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33 Nathan Besio advised he is a Peer Advocate Coordinator working with people with disabilities. He also
34 works with municipalities and businesses regarding best practices with people with disabilities. Ericka
35 Reil provides training for VCIL. She advised she is a person with a disability and the Center is staffed by
36 persons with disabilities with a mission to serve persons with disabilities.
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38 Nate advised 1 in 4 people have some form of disability. Ericka proceeded with their presentation,
39 advising members it was intended to be a safe space for learning to talk with people with disabilities.
40 The training is outlined to address meeting planning to be inclusive of people with disabilities.
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1 The presentation shared information regarding meeting spaces, meeting announcements, meeting
2 facilitation, mobility devices, assumptions, and accommodations. Also available was a handout with
3 Resources for Accessible Meetings, which can be found at our website along with a copy of the
4 presentation - <http://centralvtplanning.org/about/minutes-agendas-staff-reports/>. Ericka and Nate
5 advised the best practice for referencing someone with a disability is 'people/person with
6 disabilities/disability'. They also advised that offering help is appropriate, but let the person with a
7 disability guide the assistance that is provided.

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9 Additional questions ensued regarding how to prepare for meetings that are inclusive of people with
10 disabilities. Best practices are to try your best to accommodate, but recognize that you will not be able
11 to accommodate all needs. Focus on reasonable accommodations when holding public meetings and
12 trying to reach a middle ground. The goal is to get more people with disabilities participating in public
13 meetings by offering accommodations and ensuring meeting announcements are shared with
14 organizations that work with people with disabilities.

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16 Waninger followed up advising of the Title 6 plan and the importance of incorporating all populations
17 into our planning work and being inclusive. Staff needs to review policy to better enable participation
18 among those representatives in the community. Therefore, tonight's presentation is to help us think
19 through how we can best bring those other voices into planning.

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21 Discussion ensued regarding how we could revise our agendas to be more inclusive and our meetings
22 more welcoming.

23 24 **Meeting Minutes**

25 L. Hill-Eubanks directed the Board to the information in the packet.

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27 *B. Towbin moved to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes; A. Hornblas seconded. Motion carried.*

28 29 **Reports**

30 L. Hill-Eubanks directed the Board to the information in the packet. Waninger advised CVRPC has hired
31 Grace Vinson as a new planner effective November 4, 2019; and shared some highlights of her
32 experience and how they complement work the Commission does.

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34 Waninger confirmed that she will invite the CVMC speaker to a future meeting.

35 36 **Adjournment**

37 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm; S. Lotspeich seconded. Motion carried.*

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39 Respectfully submitted,

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41 Nancy Chartrand
42 Office Manager