Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission May 13, 2014 Minutes

Present were:

Barre City: Janet Shatney-absent Plainfield: David Strong

Mike Miller Robert Atchinson

Barre Town: Byron Atwood Roxbury: David McShane-absent

Mark Nicholson-absent Waitsfield: Don La Haye

Harrison Snapp-absent

Berlin: Bob Wernecke Warren: Craig Klofach-absent

Cabot: Dick Payne-absent

Dan Raddock - absent

Calais: Renee Carpenter-absent Washington: Gary Winders-absent

Duxbury: Brian Fitzgerald-absent Waterbury:

East Montpelier: Julie Potter Williamstown: Larry Hebert

Tim Carver Woodbury:

Fayston: Carol Chamberlin Worcester: Bill Arrand

Marshfield: Faeterri Silver-absent

Middlesex: Ronald Krauth Montpelier: Tina Ruth

Kim Cheney-absent

Moretown: Dara Torre-absent Northfield: Laura Hill-Eubanks

Orange: George Malek

Staff: S. Sinclair, L. Emery, K. McKee, S. Smith, A. Norris, D. Currier, S. Gladczuk.

Others: S. Andersen, Central VT Economic Development Corporation; Burr Morse, Morse Maple Sugarworks; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bascom, Barre City; Anne Carver, East Montpelier; Anita Krauth, Middlesex; Caroline White,

Orange; Becky Buchanan, Plainfield; Daniel Dickerson, Montpelier; Judi Wernecke, Berlin.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 CVRPC meeting were accepted by the Executive Committee as there was not yet a quorum of Commissioners. A quorum was established at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Election of Officers and At-Large Members of the Executive Committee</u>: Having received 15 ballots for the election of officers and at large members of the Executive Committee, it was announced that the following officers and members were duly elected: Don La Haye, Waitsfield, Chair; Byron Atwood, Barre Town, Vice-Chair; Mike Miller, Barre City, Treasurer; Tina Ruth, Montpelier, Secretary; at large: George Malek, Orange; Dave Strong, Plainfield; and Bob Wernecke, Berlin.

The Chair announced that M. Miller will no longer be representing a municipality on the Commission, and as a result, we will need to elect a new Treasurer at the June meeting. It could be that one of the at-large members would like to serve as Treasurer. If that's the case, then we will need to elect a new at-large member to complete the seven member Executive Committee.

T. Carver recommended that Julie Potter be considered to serve in the open seat on the Executive Committee.

Central VT Economic Development Corporation Report: S. Andersen announced CVEDC's upcoming breakfast

buffet, June 4, 7:30 a.m., Norwich University, with speakers on developing community in new ways and the "Big Push."

S. Sinclair announced that CVRPC will pay the fee for Commissioners who want to attend the CVEDC breakfast meeting.

<u>Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative</u>: The Federal Economic Development Authority (EDA) has funded a grant for Vermont to develop economic resilience tools as they regard mitigation of vulnerable infrastructure and the impact of flooding on the economy. Statewide, five towns have been selected for this in-depth study. Barre Town and Barre City are the two selected in our Region to participate should they be interested. Staff will be following up with the two municipalities to determine their interest in this project.

<u>Musings of a Seventh Generation Vermonter</u>: Burr Morse, a seventh generation Vermonter, partner in Morse Farm and Maple Sugarworks, author, and columnist was introduced as the evening's speaker. Burr spoke of his experiences as a Vermonter, author, and sugar maker/business man and the association between the land and regional planning. His presentation was well-received by the meeting attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Emery