

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 9, 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 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**

None.

**Public Comments**

B. Waninger requested Commissioners comment on preferences for meeting food and sign the CVRPC Conflict of Interest Policy if they had not signed.

**Essentials of Land Use Planning: A Primer on Regulating Development in Vermont**

C. Rock gave a brief presentation on the Essentials of Land Use Planning. The presentation provided the history of planning in Vermont as background for the subsequent Act 250 presentation and discussion.

Paula Emery requested a copy of the presentation.

## Act 250 Updates

Waninger gave a presentation on updates proposed for Act 250. She noted that while the legislation as a whole was not expected to move this legislative session, some parts might move independently, such as the forest integrity piece.

During the presentation the Board had the following discussions:

Regarding the *Summery of Recommendations: Local and Regional Plan Approval and Use* topic (slide 6), Waninger asked “Should the Regional Plan be reviewed by another agency/party for consistency with state statute (similar to how the RPC reviews and approves municipal plans)?” By an informal show of hands, the majority of the Board was in agreement that the regional plan should be reviewed by another entity for statutory consistency. Board members asked about the makeup of the VT Environmental Review Board, as outlined in the presentation, and whether they would be appointed by the Governor. The answer is unknown at this time.

Waninger asked “Who is the right party to review Regional Plans?” The Board discussed whether a State agency representative and/or peer review might make more sense versus an appointed body. It suggested an entity similar to the Downtown Board versus using the same board that would review an Act 250 application. Board members were in general agreement that an alternate body should be responsible for reviewing the regional plan.

Discussion followed about the *Municipal Plan Approval and Use* recommendations. Discussion followed about whether the municipality has party status and/or whether the municipal plan has party status. The Board was generally okay with the proposed recommendations as presented in the presentation. Members had additional questions about the proposed standing of a town and its plan.

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

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

At the next meeting, the Commission will review the following Act 250-related topics: Energy, Interstate Interchange, and Enhanced Designation. If there are additional areas the Commission would like to discuss, Waninger requested members let her know.

1 People would like a color copy of the presentation for review. CVRPC also has put together some maps  
2 regarding interstate interchanges and can distribute those.

### 4 **Committee Rules of Procedure**

5 C. Rock noted that the one significant change was the addition of item #2 under the Purpose statement.

7 *B. Arrand moved to approve the Town Plan Review Committee Rules of Procedure as presented; R.*  
8 *Turner seconded. Motion carried.*

### 10 **Nominating Committee Report**

11 B. Atwood thanked Alan Quakenbush and Bob Werneke for participating on the Nominating Committee.  
12 He offered special thanks to Nancy Chartrand for taking the minutes. The Committee offered the  
13 following nominations were made:

14 Julie Potter, East Montpelier, at-large member (past chair)  
15 Jerry D'Amico, Roxbury, at-large member  
16 Janet Shatney, Barre City, at-large member  
17 Darra Torre, Moretown, Secretary  
18 Michael Gray, Woodbury, Treasurer  
19 Steve Lotspeich, Waterbury, Vice Chair  
20 Laura Hill-Eubanks, Northfield, Chair

22 Atwood noted his appreciation for the time and energy Julie Potter put into the role of Chair. She drilled  
23 down into subjects and did structural worked to help the RPC have greater transparency and more  
24 effective moving forward.

26 Potter reviewed the nomination process. The Nominating Committee presented the initial slate for  
27 Executive Committee this month. It will present the final slate in May and nominations will be taken  
28 from the floor. After that meeting, ballots will be sent to Commissioners. The results will be announced  
29 at the June meeting.

### 31 **CVRPC Committees**

32 L. Hill-Eubanks announced the committee openings and reviewed the committee duties. She requested  
33 volunteers/nominations for the following committees:

34 Project Review Committee: seeking 2 appointments  
35 Town Plan Review Committee: seeking 5 appointments and an alternate member  
36 Brownfields Advisory: seeking 1 alternate appointment  
37 Clean Water Advisory Committee: seeking 2 appointments

39 She asked that Commissioners sign up for any committees for which they had interest.

### 41 **Meeting Minutes**

1 *B. Werneke moved to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes; D. La Haye seconded. Motion carried.*

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3 **Reports**

4 Commissioners asked clarifying questions, noted typographical errors, and requested the meeting dates  
5 for the Board of Commissioners and TAC meetings needed to be updated.

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7 Waninger provided a brief update about the NADO Washington Policy conference. Research is  
8 demonstrating the impact of substance use disorder on the workforce. Discussion at the conference  
9 noted that overcoming substance use disorder can take repeated attempts and at least five years.  
10 Currently, 30 days' treatment is provided.

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12 **Adjournment**

13 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm; A. Quackenbush seconded. Motion carried.*

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15 Respectfully submitted,  
16 Clare Rock, Senior Planner