

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 12, 2020

Commissioners:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barre City	Janet Shatney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moretown	Dara Torre, Secretary/Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>		Heather Grandfield, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joyce Manchester, Alt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barre Town	Byron Atwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northfield	Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		George Clain, Alt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Berlin	Robert Wernecke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plainfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Karla Nuissl, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Paula Emery, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabot	Amy Hornblas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calais	John Brabant	<input 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. Montpelier	Julie Potter	<input type="checkbox"/>		J. Michael Bridgewater, Alt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Clarice Cutler, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Washington	Peter Carbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich, Vice-Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	Robin Schunk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown	Richard Turner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown	Jacqueline Higgins, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Montpelier	Marcella Dent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woodbury	Michael Gray
<input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Miller, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Bill Arrand

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand

Call to Order

Chair L. Hill-Eubanks called the remote meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business. She read documentation which explained compliance with Open Meeting Law. Roll call was completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None.

E-Meeting Etiquette

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

Nominating Committee Report

J. Shatney, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided an overview of how the slate was compiled and the contacts that were made. She directed the Board to the revised slate that was forwarded and posted prior to the meeting. In addition to Shatney, the Nominating Committee included Michael Gray

1 and Rich Turner. Chair Hill-Eubanks opened the slate to nominations from the floor. No nominations
2 were submitted. A paper ballot will be mailed to the Board for voting on officers.

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4 *P. Carbee moved to accept the proposed slate; B. Wernecke seconded. S. Lotspeich inquired how*
5 *appointments to other organizations (MRVPD, GMT, etc) would be handled. Waninger advised they are*
6 *typically included in the slate. The Board could move them tonight or could vote on them in June. P.*
7 *Carbee amended his motion to accept the proposed slate including committees as presented and the*
8 *officers; Wernecke seconded the amended motion. Motion carried. There were no oppositions or*
9 *abstentions, and a roll call was not necessary.*
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11 **Basin 14 Plan**

12 B. Waninger provided an overview of the basin planning review process. Usually the basin planner
13 makes a presentation to the Board. The Board would then make a decision as to whether the draft
14 basin plan conforms to the Regional Plan. In advance of that vote, the Clean Water Advisory Committee
15 reviews the draft plan from a water quality perspective and the Regional Plan Committee reviews it
16 from a Regional Plan conformance perspective. Both committees provide comments to inform the
17 Board's decision. Due to the pandemic, the Basin Plan presentation will be online and a copy of the
18 draft basin plan will be made available to the committees and the Board. Comments and questions will
19 be provided to the Executive Committee, which will draft the final letter to be submitted to the Agency
20 of Natural Resources (ANR). The Executive Committee will invite the communities impacted by the
21 Basin 14 Plan (Marshfield, Plainfield, Orange, Washington) to its review meeting. J. Potter inquired if a
22 staff report would be forthcoming on the Basin Plan and its conformance with the Regional Plan.
23 Waninger advised that can be completed and provided to the Executive Committee. S. Lotspeich noted
24 that Danielle Owczarski of ANR should be invited to participate in the Executive Committee meeting.
25 The draft plan is expected to be released on Monday or Tuesday, and scheduling of the above should
26 occur over the next few weeks. Waninger advised members to contact Nancy for a hard copy of the
27 presentation/plan. Potter asked if this was a tighter schedule than usual for the basin plan review.
28 Waninger advised it was the usual schedule.
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30 **Meeting Minutes**

31 *R. Wernecke moved to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes as written; S. Lotspeich seconded. Lotspeich*
32 *requested that acronyms be spelled out in the minutes as a rule. D'Amico noted a discrepancy when we*
33 *were talking about the concerns from the Towns. He had noted the school merger had worked well;*
34 *however, he had noted increased growth in the school, which is a good thing. Wernecke amended his*
35 *motion to approve the minutes as amended; Lotspeich accepted the amended motion. Motion carried.*
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37 **Reports**

38 G. Clain requested clarification on page 22, last bullet – "Potential for ~25% reduction in State allocation
39 funds for FY21". Waninger said the State is recovering money from State agencies to cover pandemic
40 expenses. RPCs were told ACCD has returned two million dollars, and that ACCD had been requested to
41 return the 4th quarter payment for Regional Planning Commissions and Regional Development
42 Corporations. The Agency successfully argued that the money had been distributed and should not be
43 returned. Based on this request, Directors are anticipating a potential 25% decrease in RPC FY21
44 funding. VANR has notified its grant recipients that if a recipient has an award letter but not a grant
45 agreement, the award will be cancelled. Clain also inquired about Article 7.2 in the Bylaws regarding

1 Municipal Assessments and asked for clarification of the November date. Waninger said the assessment
2 rate is established in November to advise municipalities of the rate for their next fiscal year budgets. L.
3 Catteneo inquired when it was announced that if contracts weren't signed they were going to withhold
4 grant funds. Waninger advised ANR sent out notification 3-4 weeks ago.

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6 L. Hill-Eubanks notified the Board that Ashley Andrews received an award for her GIS work on the
7 Washington County Hunger Council Food Access map. Andrews also has been participating in the
8 Hunger Council's meetings to monitor food access needs during the pandemic.

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10 Hill-Eubanks advised the next scheduled meeting was June 9th. Waninger advised the Board should plan
11 to meet remotely for at least 9 months. The State Economist informed the Legislature that Vermont's
12 pandemic recovery will look like a "W". It will go down, bounce back up partway and then go back down
13 again before climbing back up again as recovered (by approximately FY25). Carbee noted that
14 municipalities may be hard pressed paying the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) dues. P. Emery
15 requested more clarification on the 25% reduction in budgeting; Waninger advised the 25% was related
16 to RPC budget, not municipal budgets. She said some municipalities are building contingency budgets as
17 a planning tool.

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19 Waninger noted there will be a tremendous amount of recovery funding available through grants.
20 CVRPC is providing information to municipalities on these opportunities, and CVRPC is happy to answer
21 questions about them. CVRPC and Addison, Chittenden, and Rutland RPCs are talking with the US
22 Economic Development Administration regarding a joint grant application. More information will be
23 provided at a future meeting.

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25 A question was raised via chat about VTrans projects. Waninger advised they are starting up again;
26 essential projects are the first to start. She noted Clare Rock is checking in on the Plainfield/Marshfield
27 project and will advise soon of its status.

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29 Chartrand advised CVRPC is publishing funding opportunities in its Municipal Updates.

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31 **Adjournment**

32 *B. Wernecke moved to adjourn at 7:21 pm; L. Catteneo seconded. Motion carried.*

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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36 Nancy Chartrand, Office Manager