

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm

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## Page AGENDA

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- 6:30<sup>2</sup> Adjustments to the Agenda Public Comments
- 6:30 Municipal Plan Approval, Confirmation of Planning Process & Certificate of Energy Compliance, Bill Arrand, Town Plan Review Committee Chair (enclosed; additional information provided at meeting)<sup>3</sup>
  Report and recommended from Committee regarding:
  - a) Town of Fayston plan approval, planning process confirmation
  - b) Town of Northfield plan approval, planning process confirmation, energy compliance certificate

## 7:30 Adjournment

**Next Meeting: October 13, 2020** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Times are approximate unless otherwise advertised.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Anticipated action item.



Date: September 20, 2020
To: Board of Commissioners

From: Zachary Maia, Assistant Planner

Re: Fayston Municipal Plan Recommendations

ACTION REQUESTED: Pending. The Municipal Plan Review Committee meets on September 21<sup>st</sup> prior to the Board of Commissioners special meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> to frame its recommendation.

#### Requested actions may include:

- 1. Approve the Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan per 24 V.S.A. §4350(b).
- 2. Confirm the Town of Fayston's planning process as per under 24 VSA §4350(a).
- 3. Authorize the Board Chair to sign a resolution related to these items.

#### **Background**

The Municipal Plan Review Committee shall hold a hearing on the *Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan* on September 21, 2020 at 5:00pm. The public is invited to provide comments on the Town of Fayston's adopted municipal plan and the committee will consider recommendations on (1) confirmation of the local planning process as per under 24 VSA §4350(a); and (2) approval of the *Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan* per 24 V.S.A. §4350(b).

At the close of the public hearing, the Committee shall make recommendations on the items noted above.

The Chair of the Committee shall update the Board on the outcomes of this hearing at the September 24, 2020 Commission meeting. Included in this update will be recommendations made by the Municipal Plan Review Committee.



Date: September 18, 2020

To: Municipal Plan Review Committee

CC: John Weir, Planning and Zoning Administrator

From: Zachary Maia, Assistant Planner

Re: Fayston Municipal Plan Review for Regional Approval and Confirmation of

Planning Process

ACTION REQUESTED: At the meeting the Committee will hold a public hearing on the *Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan*. Following the hearing the Committee will be tasked with making <u>two</u> recommendations to the Board of Commissioners:

- a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a); and
- b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b);

CVRPC Board of Commissioners meeting will take place on September 24, 2020.

#### **Meeting Location and Directions**

Date September 24, 2020

Time 6:30pm

Location Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

**Background** 

March 10, 2015 CVRPC Board regionally approves 2014 Fayston Town Plan and confirms Town

planning process.

October 2019 Fayston Town Plan Expires

January 3, 2020 CVRPC sends Fayston comments on the draft plan to be incorporated at

Planning Commission hearing.

March 9, 2020 Fayston Planning Commission holds public hearing on the Town Plan and

approves and passes first draft to the Selectboard

July 29, 2020 Selectboard holds second public hearing on the Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town

Plan and adopts the Plan.

September 2, 2020 Fayston requests approval by CVRPC and submits final plan adopted by

Selectboard.

September 4, 2020 CVRPC issues a public notice of the September 21 MPRC hearing.

#### Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan

To view the plan, please visit: <a href="https://centralvtplanning.org/towns/fayston/">https://centralvtplanning.org/towns/fayston/</a>. If you would prefer hard copies of the Plan, please contact Nancy Chartrand or Zachary Maia at 229-0389.

The Town of Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan is an update to the previous 2014 Fayston Town Municipal Plan. Much of the data has been updated to reflect current trends in the area, and new maps have been included.

#### Staff Review

CVRPC staff reviewed the Municipal Plan for following items:

#### a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a);

- is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan which is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title; and
- ☑ is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

<u>Staff findings and recommendations:</u> Staff finds the Town of Fayston to be engaged in a continuing planning process and is maintaining its efforts to provided funds for planning purposes.

#### b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b);

- ☐ consistency with the State goals established in section §4302
  - <u>Staff findings and recommendations:</u> Staff finds the plan to be consistent with the State Goals, and provides the following recommendations for the next update:
    - State Goal 11: To ensure the availability of safe and affordable housing for all Vermonters.
      - (C) Sites for multi-family and manufactured housing should readily available in locations similar to those generally used for single-family conventional dwellings.
        - Fayston's current zoning regulations permit multi-family housing through the Planned Residential Development (PRD) provision. It may interest the Town to consider the implications of revising the zoning bylaw in an attempt to allow for more types of housing across Town and reduce the review process for such housing developments.
    - State Goal 13: To ensure the availability of safe and affordable child care and to integrate child care issues into the planning process, including child care financing, infrastructure, business assistance for child care providers, and child care work force development.
      - The most recent update to the Fayston Town Plan includes a satisfactory discussion on child care provision in Town and takes a stance on not preventing it from being built. However, the plan does not identify clear action items that the Town may implement to address the need that may be present. The Town may have an opportunity to utilize their location in proximity to Sugarush to explore childcare opportunities for seasonal workers.

Examples to address this need include: Maintaining a listing of providers in or near Fayston on the municipal website, encouraging local businesses to offer assistance to childcare businesses, and developing partnerships with large employers such as Sugarbush Resort to identify workforce childcare needs and

develop strategies to meet those needs. More information on meeting the State's Child Care goal may be found in this document published by the Windham Regional Commission.

- ☑ **compatibly with its regional plan**Staff findings: staff finds the plan to be compatible with the regional plan.
- compatibly with approved plans of other municipalities in the region Staff findings and recommendation: staff finds the plan to be compatible with approved plans of other municipalities.
- containing all the elements included in section § 4382
  Staff findings and recommendation: staff finds the plan to contain all of the required elements and provides the following recommendations for the next update:
  - (3) A utility and facility plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective community facilities and public utilities showing existing and proposed educational, recreational and other public sites, buildings and facilities, ...
    - Staff have reviewed the Community Facilities chapter and the Road Network map and understands that it has satisfied the plan element required by Statute.
       Staff recommends in a future update that a separate map including townowned utilities and facilities is included.

Staff would also note that as a member municipality of CVRPC, the Town is entitled to 12 hours of GIS mapping at no cost, and CVRPC staff would be happy to assist in developing this for future updates.

#### References:

To view the Central Vermont Regional Plan visit: <a href="http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2016-Central-Vermont-Regional-Plan-ADOPTED-06.12.2018-Reduced.pdf">http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2016-Central-Vermont-Regional-Plan-ADOPTED-06.12.2018-Reduced.pdf</a>

To view Title 24 Chapter 117: Municipal and Regional Planning and Development statutory requirements in their entirety please visit: <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/24">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/24</a>

For a copy of the completed Municipal Plan Review Tool (checklist), completed 9/18/2020, please contact Nancy Chartrand (Chartrand@cvregion.com) or Zachary Maia (maia@cvregion.com).



#### RESOLUTION

Whereas Title 24, VSA, Section §4350 requires that regional planning commissions, after public notice, shall review the planning process of member municipalities and shall so confirm when a municipality:

- 1. is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan that is consistent with the goals contained in 24 V.S.A. § 4302;
- 2. is engaged in a process to implement its municipal plan, consistent with the program for implementation required under 24 V.S.A. § 4382; and
- 3. is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes;

Whereas as part of the consultation process, a regional planning commission shall consider whether a municipality has adopted a plan;

Whereas a regional planning commission shall review and approve plans of its member municipalities, when approval is requested and warranted, and a commission shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan:

- 1. is consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. § 4302;
- 2. is compatible with its regional plan;
- 3. is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; and
- 4. contains all the elements included in 24 V.S.A. § 4382(a)(1)-(12);

Whereas the Town of Fayston prepared a municipal plan in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117;

Whereas the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission concluded that the *Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan* meets the requirements for approval; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission:

- 1. approves the Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan, adopted September 22, 2020; and
- 2. consulted with and confirms the planning process of the Town of Fayston.

Under 24 V.S.A. § 4350, when an adopted municipal plan expires, its approval and confirmation of the municipality's planning process also expire. Recommendations made by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission are attached and should be considered when developing the next municipal plan.

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A municipality that has adopted a plan may define and regulate land development in any manner that the municipality establishes in its bylaws, provided those bylaws are in conformance with the plan and are adopted for the purposes set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 4302.

ADOPTED by the Central Vermo	nt Regional Planning Commission on September 24, 2020.
Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair	



Date: September 20, 2020
To: Board of Commissioners

From: Zachary Maia, Assistant Planner

Re: Northfield Municipal Plan Recommendations

ACTION REQUESTED: Pending. The Municipal Plan Review Committee meets on September 21<sup>st</sup> prior to the Board of Commissioners special meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> to frame its recommendation.

#### Requested actions may include:

- 1. Approve the Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 per 24 V.S.A. §4350(b).
- 2. Confirm the Town of Northfield planning process as per under 24 VSA §4350(a).
- 3. Issue an affirmative determination of energy compliance for the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* per 24 V.S.A §4352.
- 4. Authorize the Board Chair to sign a resolution and Certificate of Energy Compliance related to these items.

#### Background

The Municipal Plan Review Committee shall hold a hearing on the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* on September 21, 2020 at 5:00pm. The public is invited to provide comments on the Town of Northfield's adopted municipal plan and the committee will consider recommendations on (1) confirmation of the local planning process as per under 24 VSA §4350(a); (2) approval of the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* per 24 V.S.A. §4350(b); and (3) provision of an affirmative determination of energy compliance per 24 V.S.A. §4352.

At the close of the public hearing, the Committee shall make recommendations on the items noted above.

The Chair of the Committee shall update the Board on the outcomes of this hearing at the September 24, 2020 Commission meeting. Included in this update will be recommendations made by the Municipal Plan Review Committee.



Date: September 21, 2020

To: Municipal Plan Review Committee

CC: Laura Hill-Eubanks, Northfield Planning Commission Chair

From: Zachary Maia, Assistant Planner

Re: Northfield Municipal Plan Review for Regional Approval, Confirmation of

Planning Process, and Determination of Energy Compliance

ACTION REQUESTED: At the meeting the Committee will hold two public hearings on the Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028. Following the hearing the Committee will be tasked with making <a href="three">three</a> recommendations to the Board of Commissioners:

- a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a);
- b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b); and
- c) affirmative determination of energy compliance per 24 V.S.A §4352

CVRPC Board of Commissioners meeting will take place on September 24, 2020.

#### **Meeting Location and Directions**

Date September 21, 2020

Time 5:00pm

Location Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

**Background** 

September 9, 2014 The Town of Northfield Selectboard adopts the 2014 Northfield, Vermont Town

Plan.

November 11, 2014 CVRPC Board regionally approves 2014 Northfield, Vermont Town Plan and

confirms the local planning process.

October 1, 2017 The Town of Northfield submits a Municipal Planning Grant application to

update the municipal plan.

January 1, 2018 The Town of Northfield receives a Muncipal Planning Grant award to update the

municipal plan and selects PlaceSense as the consultant to support the Town in

this update.

September 9, 2019 The 2014 Northfield, Vermont Town Plan expires.

October 21, 2019 Northfield Planning Commission holds public hearing on the Town Plan and

approves and sends Plan to Selectboard.

January 14, 2020 Selectboard holds first public hearing on the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028*. Selectboard holds second public hearing on the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-*

	2028.
August 11, 2020	Selectboard holds third and final public hearing on the Northfield Town Plan
	2020-2028, and adopts the plan.
August 14, 2020	Northfield Planning Commission Chair Laura Hill-Eubanks requests regional
	approval, confirmation of the municipal planning process, and a determination
	of energy compliance for the adopted Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028.
August 27, 2020	CVRPC warns a public hearing on the Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 for
	September 11, 2020 at 4:30pm via GoToMeeting.
September 4, 2020	CVRPC re-warns public hearings on Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 to
	September 21, 2020 at 5:00pm via GoToMeeting in order to meet notice
	requirements.
September 11, 2020	Municipal Plan Review Committee is informed that the public hearing on the
	plan had been rescheduled.

#### Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028

To view the plan, please visit: <a href="https://centralvtplanning.org/towns/northfield/">https://centralvtplanning.org/towns/northfield/</a>. If you would prefer hard copies of the Plan, please contact Nancy Chartrand or Zachary Maia at 229-0389.

The Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 is a complete update and new revision to the previous 2014 Northfield, Vermont Town Plan. The plan has undergone a completely new format, with the inclusion of new maps, and a reformatting of the chapters. The plan has condensed in page-length, but has included new forest integrity and flood resilience elements, as well as an enhanced energy plan included in the place of the energy element.

#### Staff Review

CVRPC staff reviewed the Municipal Plan for following items:

#### a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a);

- is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan which is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title; and
- ☑ is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

<u>Staff findings and recommendations:</u> Staff finds Northfield to be engaged in a continuing planning process and is maintaining its efforts to provided funds for planning purposes.

## b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b);

## consistency with the State goals established in section §4302 Staff findings and recommendations: Staff finds the plan to be consistent with the State Goals, and provides the following recommendations for the payt undate:

sufficient to ensure the full realization of the abilities of all Vermonters.

- and provides the following recommendations for the next update:

  > State Goal 3: To broaden access to educational and vocational training opportunities
  - The Education section of Northfield's plan adequately lists public educational opportunities and enrollment numbers for the educational institutions in Town.

Staff would like to see further consideration of future uses for educational facilities and other needs for the facilities themselves, as well as a regional

workforce development context outside of public K-12 and Norwich university. The inclusion of these opportunities could bolster the Town's economic development goals as they pertain to attracting and training a more skilled workforce.

- State Goal 13: To ensure the availability of safe and affordable child care and to integrate child care issues into the planning process, including child care financing, infrastructure, business assistance for child care providers, and child care work force development.
  - Northfield's plan is consistent with the above childcare goal and while not obligated to provide child care – the Town has a university and thriving village economy within their borders and may have an opportunity to act as a leader in planning for child care, especially considering the Town's recent work in hiring an Economic Development Specialist.

Examples to address this need include: Maintaining a listing of providers in or near Northfield on the municipal website, encouraging local businesses to offer assistance to childcare businesses, and developing partnerships with large employers to identify workforce childcare needs and develop strategies to meet those needs. More information on meeting the State's Child Care goal may be found in this document published by the Windham Regional Commission.

- - Staff findings: Staff finds the plan to be compatible with the regional plan.
- compatibly with approved plans of other municipalities in the region Staff findings and recommendation: Staff finds the plan to be compatible with approved plans of other municipalities.
- containing all the elements included in section § 4382
   Staff findings and recommendation: Staff finds the plan to contain all of the required elements.
- c) Issuance of an affirmative determination of energy compliance per 24 V.S.A. § 4352;
  - ☑ in the case of a municipal plan, include an energy element that has the same components as described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3) of this title for a regional plan and be confirmed under section 4350 of this title;
    - <u>Staff findings and recommendation:</u> Staff finds the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* contains an energy element as described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3).
  - be consistent with the following, with consistency determined in the manner described under subdivision 4302(f)(1) of this title:
    - (A) Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
    - (B) Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
    - (C) Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
    - (D) State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b; and

<u>Staff findings and recommendations</u>: Staff finds that the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* is consistent with the goals and policies in subdivision 4302(f)(1)(A) through (E) above.

- - <u>Staff findings and recommendations:</u> Staff finds that the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance and offers the following suggestions in the next update:
  - > Standard 9G: Does the plan demonstrate the municipality's leadership by example with respect to the deployment of renewable energy?
    - Staff recognizes that commitment to using municipal funding for renewable energy generation requires significant community support. In future revisions, staff suggests that the Town of Northfield assess feasibility for municipal deployment of renewable energy in support of this standard beyond considering carbon footprint in municipal expenditures. Options may include municipal generation for an EV charging station, municipal generation at a park-and-ride, etc.
  - Standard 12: Does the plan identify potential areas for development and siting of renewable energy resources?

Staff recognizes that the inclusion of CVRPC-provided data and maps by reference allows the Town to utilize the two included maps to satisfy this mapping requirement. For ease of reading in future updates, Staff recommends including a map of the known and possible constraints that are referenced in the mapping of solar and wind resources. This will better inform readers where the specific constraints are located within the Town in order to better plan for possible solar and wind generation facilities.

#### References:

To view the Central Vermont Regional Plan visit: <a href="http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2016-Central-Vermont-Regional-Plan-ADOPTED-06.12.2018-Reduced.pdf">http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2016-Central-Vermont-Regional-Plan-ADOPTED-06.12.2018-Reduced.pdf</a>

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#### **RESOLUTION**

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- 2. is compatible with its regional plan;
- 3. is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; and
- 4. contains all the elements included in 24 V.S.A. § 4382(a)(1)-(12);

Whereas the Town of Northfield prepared a municipal plan in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117;

Whereas the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission concluded that the *Northfield Town Plan* 2020-2028 meets the requirements for approval; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission:

- 1. approves the Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028, adopted August 11, 2020; and
- 2. consulted with and confirms the planning process of the Town of Northfield.

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Under 24 V.S.A. § 4350, when an adopted municipal plan expires, its approval and confirmation of the municipality's planning process also expire. Recommendations made by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission are attached and should be considered when developing the next municipal plan.

A municipality that has adopted a plan may define and regulate land development in any manner that the municipality establishes in its bylaws, provided those bylaws are in conformance with the plan and are adopted for the purposes set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 4302.

ADOPTED by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on September 24, 2020.
Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair



#### **DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE**

**Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352**Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028, adopted August 11, 2020

#### I. Procedural History

- 1. On August 14, 2020, the Town of Northfield submitted the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission ("CVRPC") for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
- 2. On September 4, 2020, notice of a public hearing scheduled for September 21, 2020 was posted on the website of the entity from which the determination is requested.
- 3. On September 5, 2020, notice of a public hearing scheduled for September 21, 2020 was published in the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus.
- 4. On September 4, 2020, notice of a public hearing scheduled for September 21, 2020 was emailed directly to the Town of Northfield and posted in 3 other locations within the region.
- 5. On September 21, 2020, CVRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a public hearing via GoToMeeting software with no physical location per the standards set forth in Act 92 during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Municipal Plan Review Committee recommended that the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* receive a determination of energy compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
- 6. On September 24, 2020, CVRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to approve the determination of energy compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Votes).

#### II. Public Comments

The Town of Northfield held four public hearings on the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028*, and received public comments that were ultimately incorporated into the plan. None of these comments pertained specifically to the enhanced energy planning criteria and focused on historic development, rural lot size minimums, and restrictions of rural housing

development. \_\_\_\_ members of the public were present at the September 21, 2020 Municipal Plan Review Committee meeting.

#### III. Conclusions

- 1. The Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
- 2. The Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 is consistent with following State goals:
  - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
  - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
  - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
  - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and
  - E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
- 3. The Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028 meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 24 <sup>th</sup> day of Sept	ember, 2020.
	Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair
	Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission