



## Weekly News Roundup September 11, 2020

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### Upcoming Events

#### Virtual Emergency Management Directors Roundtable

September 14, 2020 - 5:00-6:00 pm

CVRPC is hosting a virtual roundtable for Emergency Management Directors. The agenda for the roundtable is:

- Update on Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) sharing agreements
- Overview of CARES Program
- Feeding during Disasters
- Upcoming VEM trainings
- Open Q&A Discussion: EMD support needed, COVID roundtable, etc.

Please reach out to [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) if you have specific topics related to the agenda items you'd like to address at the roundtable.

#### Save The Date - Planning & Zoning Roundtable Series

September 30, 2020 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

CVRPC will be holding its next roundtable discussion for Planning Commissioners and Municipal Officials. More information will be forthcoming shortly. Please save the date to join us.

#### Notice of Public Hearings

September 21, 2020 | 5:00 pm

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will hold electronic public hearings via GoToMeeting software. Join by computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/205347085> or by phone at +1 (786) 535-3211, access code: 205-347-085.

The purpose of these hearings is to consider approval of the *2020 Fayston Town Plan*, pending adoption by the Selectboard on September 22, 2020; to confirm the Town of Fayston's planning process under 24 VSA §4350; to consider approval of the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028*, adopted by the Selectboard on August 11, 2020; to confirm the Town of Northfield's planning process under 24 VSA §4350; and consider the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028* for an affirmative determination of energy compliance under 24 VSA §4352.

Copies of the plans can be reviewed online at <https://centralvtplanning.org/>, at the Fayston Municipal Building, at the Northfield Municipal Building, or at the offices of Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, during normal business hours. Phone: 802-229-0389.

#### AVCC 2020 Conservation Summit: Conservation in a time of COVID-19

A fall webinar series begins September 23rd exploring the changes and successes of conservation work since the pandemic. Series topics include Success Stories, Value of Town Forests, Perspectives on Land Access, Equity and Conservation, and Agriculture and Clean Water. As a

**P & Z**  
Planning & Zoning Roundtable Series  
SAVE THE DATES:  
**09.30.20**  
Planning Commissioners + Municipal Officials Roundtable  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**01.21.21**  
Zoning Administrators Roundtable  
9:00 to 11:00 am  
**03.31.21**  
Planning Commissioners + Municipal Officials Roundtable  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Topic TBD**  
If you have a particular or pressing topic you'd like discuss let us know.  
The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission invites municipal staff and volunteers to come together to share ideas, ask questions, and discuss common topics about land use regulation and administration. Questions: Contact Cary Rock at [rock@cvrpc.com](mailto:rock@cvrpc.com)

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culmination of the series, Dr. Paul Costello, Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development will bring it all together in his talk titled *Resilience and Change: Conservation and Community in a Renewed Vermont*. [Register HERE](#).

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## Community News

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### Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits Build Stronger Communities

In July, downtown and village center revitalization initiatives received a big boost from \$3.2 million in state tax credits for 30 projects, supporting over \$160 million in building improvements and public infrastructure. Since 1998, almost 400 projects in more than 75 communities have used more than \$34 million in tax incentives to open new businesses, create new housing opportunities, and add vitality to

Vermont's community centers. Notable projects this year include upgrades to the People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre, the rehabilitation of the East Calais General Store, as well as water supply and ADA compliant upgrades for the First Congregational Church in Berlin. For a [complete list](#) of projects visit ACCD's [website](#).

### Montpelier seeks Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee Members

The City of Montpelier, in collaboration with the CVRPC, is beginning the update process for Montpelier's local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) and are looking for community leaders and partner organizations for their participation and support to build the LHMP Committee - which will be the core group responsible for making decisions, guiding the planning process, and agreeing on the contents of the plan. An effective LHMP Committee engages multiple City departments and stakeholders to ensure the plan incorporates information not just on emergency management and hazard mitigation, but also land use, recreation, natural resources, public safety, housing, and utilities/facilities management. An ideal candidate for this committee will have experience in one of these topics. We anticipate the plan update process will involve several meetings taking place over the next 5 to 6 months. If you are interested, please complete the Council Committee application (available online here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/CommitteeApplication>), no later than September 16, 2020.

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## COVID 19 Updates

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### Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings are still available to towns that have not yet submitted a request. Visit [here](#) to see a list of municipalities who have requested masks and email Eric Forand with questions: [eric.forand@vermont.gov](mailto:eric.forand@vermont.gov)



### Updated Agency of Education Guidance

The Agency of Education has posted multiple new or updated guidance documents this week including a Health and Safety FAQ on physical distancing. Read the guidance [here](#).

### News from CVRPC

If your community has a need we can assist you with, please contact us at [CVRPC@cvregion.com](mailto:CVRPC@cvregion.com). Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) related to COVID-19 are available on our website. Stay Safe!

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## RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

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### Municipal Public Service Program

The Department of Housing and Community Development is now accepting applications for the CDBG-CV Municipal Public Service Program. The Municipal Public Service Program is designed to assist communities and non-profits with grants for public service projects that are in need due to COVID19 (such as addressing physical health needs of the residents in the community for social

distancing and food shelves or meals on wheels for supplies, and materials necessary to continue to carry-out their public service, etc.). Funding will be on a first come first serve basis and will be through a competitive application process. [Click here for more information](#) or contact [Patrick Scheld](#) at VCDP for more information.

### **Capital Equipment Assistance Program Open for Applications**

The application is now open for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' Capital Equipment Assistance Program. Up to \$1,000,000 is available in funding for new or innovative equipment for nutrient management planning. Eligible recipients include farms, custom applicators, non-profit organizations, and other related businesses. Applications are due (or postmarked) by November 1, 2020. Details and the application are available at [agriculture.vermont.gov/ceap](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/ceap)

## **Upcoming Meetings**

*Please note that CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings*

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept 14 5:00 pm EMD Roundtable, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 15 6:30 pm LEPC #5 Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 21 5 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee Meeting/Hearing, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 24 4 pm Project Review Committee Meeting, TBD

Sept 24 6:30 pm Special Commissioner's Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 30 6 pm Planning & Zoning Roundtable series, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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