



## Weekly News Roundup October 30, 2020

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### Upcoming Events

#### Button-Up Webinar - An 1880's Farmhouse Can Be a Net Zero Energy, Cozy Home.

**See How:** Nov 4, 2020 12:00 PM

Alan and Nancy Benoit's "Resurrected Farmhouse" began as a run down, vacant, 1880s farmhouse with asbestos siding, partial stone foundation and crawlspace. They're renovating it to be their office and aging-in-place home, producing all the energy they need. Join us to learn about high performance processes, technologies, and products that you could use in your building project, no matter how old your home is. [REGISTER HERE](#)

#### Calais Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Meeting

November 12, 2020 - 10:00 AM

The Town of Calais is beginning the process of updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. LHMPs enable towns to qualify for grant funds, and they make our communities safer. Join the second planning meeting via GoTo Meeting. The focus of the meeting will be to identify a preliminary list of hazards for assessment. Meeting is open to all interested community members. The meeting can be accessed by computer using the following link

(<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/396430877> ) or by phone: +1 (786) 535-3211) using the following Access Code (396-430-877).

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans identify mitigation strategies and actions to reduce damage from foreseeable natural and human-caused hazards. For more information, please contact Grace Vinson at [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com)

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### Community News

#### State of Vermont Broadband Survey for Businesses

**Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc. (RISI)** is working with the State of Vermont Department of Public Service (PSD) to develop its COVID Emergency Response Telecommunications Recovery Plan as part of Vermont's CARES Act funding initiatives. RISI is surveying Vermont business owners to better understand their use of Internet and wireless enabled services since the onset of the pandemic. This will provide insight into the changing landscape of telecommunication needs and how the State could address existing challenges in the near term. Please consider sharing the business owner survey with businesses in your municipality. The survey will close on November 2, 2020. It shouldn't take participants more than 10 minutes to complete.

- [link to the business owner survey](#)



#### Wi-Fi Hotspots

The Dept. of Public Service is addressing high-speed internet service gaps across the state by

contracting for the rapid installation of additional commercial-grade outdoor wireless access points. To be considered, complete the online application. [READ MORE>>](#)

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## COVID 19 Updates

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### Vermont Everyone Eats Digital Voucher Opportunity

Do you know someone who is struggling to feed themselves or their family right now? [Vermont Everyone Eats](#) has meals from 100+ Vermont restaurants available at over [130 distribution sites](#) around Vermont PLUS anyone affected by the pandemic can use the [Localvore app](#) to order takeout meals. Consumers that would like to use the app to access Everyone Eats meals can simply create a free account by filling out the form on <https://everyoneeatsvt.com/>. Then, using the same username and password, they can download the Localvore Passport app, log in with their credentials, and discover and redeem the meals via the app. For more information contact: [ee@localvore.co](mailto:ee@localvore.co)

*Vermont Everyone Eats provides nutritious meals to Vermonters in need of food assistance as well as a stabilizing source of income for Vermont restaurants, farmers, and food producers. Vermont Everyone Eats is funded by the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and made possible through a grant provided by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to Southeastern Vermont Community Action.*

### Frontline Employee Hazard Pay Grants

The second round of the program expands the types of eligible employers to include pharmacies, grocery stores, and certain retail. [READ MORE>>](#)

### Vermont Temporary Broadband Subsidy Program

The Temporary Broadband Subsidy Program provides eligible Vermont households with a credit to assist with Internet service subscriptions. Qualifying residents may receive a temporary credit of up to \$40 per month toward an Internet service subscription. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until funding runs out or the program ends in December 20, 2020. You must apply before November 30, 2020. [READ MORE>>](#)

### 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 Watershed Restoration Project Opportunity

The Lake Champlain Basin Program and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have announced they are accepting Letters of Request for Watershed Restoration Projects in the Lake Champlain Basin. Municipalities in the CVRPC region are eligible for these monies. If you would like to discuss a project and submission of a letter of request, please contact Pam DeAndrea – [deandrea@cvregion.com](mailto:deandrea@cvregion.com) or Grace Vinson – [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) [READ MORE>>](#)



### SFY2022 Better Roads Grant Announcement

The Vermont Agency of Transportation announced the 24th year of funding to support projects on municipal roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant funds are provided by VTrans with partnership through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The **Vermont Better Roads Program** promotes the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State. Applications for funding will be accepted until December 18th, 2020. [READ MORE>>](#)

### VBSR Small Business Resiliency Fund

Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (VBSR) has launched the [Small Business Resiliency Fund](#) to provide grants to small businesses who demonstrate the ability to rebuild, sustain, and grow their operations through a “triple- bottom-line” focused on people, planet, and prosperity. Grantees will receive cash awards of \$10,000 and referrals to VBSR partner organizations for technical and business assistance. Further information will be made available in early November and applications will be due Monday, November 16th. For more information, visit the [Frequently](#)

Asked Questions.

## Upcoming Meetings

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

### **NOVEMBER**

Nov 2 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 2 7 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee Meeting/Hearing, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 10 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

*Nov 11 Veteran Day Holiday - CVRPC Office closed*

Nov 12 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 16 6:30 pm LEPC#5 Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

TBD Project Review Committee

Nov 24 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

*Nov 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holiday - CVRPC Office closed*

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