

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Municipal Plan Review Committee
Approved Minutes

September 21, 2020 at 5:00pm
Via GoToMeeting Software

Committee Members:

X	Bill Arrand, Worcester
X	Lee Cattaneo, Orange Commissioner
X	Ron Krauth, Middlesex Commissioner
X	Joyce Manchester, Moretown Alternate Commissioner
X	Jan Ohlsson, Calais Alternate Commissioner

Municipal Representatives: Laura Hill Eubanks, Northfield Planning Commission Chair, Doug Day, Fayston Planning Commission Chair, Carol Chamberlain, Fayston Planning Commission

Public: None

Staff: Zach Maia, Clare Rock

CALL TO ORDER

R. Krauth called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. Everyone introduced themselves.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE NORTHFIELD TOWN PLAN 2020-2028 AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS

J. Ohlsson moved to open the first public hearing, L. Cattaneo seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Z. Maia provided overview of the Northfield town plan and the update process. The Town of Northfield utilized a Municipal Planning Grant to fund the extensive plan update. Z. Maia provided an overview of the staff review and recommendations.

R. Krauth had a question regarding long range plans and COVID-19. The plans tend to focus on resiliency, and he would like to see COVID response included, if this is the place for it. J. Ohlsson notes that every town's response will be different. R. Krauth reiterates that he wants to see acknowledgement about situation, to which J. Ohlsson states that this isn't within the purview of the Municipal Plan Review Committee.

L. Hill-Eubanks discusses Z. Maia's suggestions and notes some town implementation actions that may be applicable.

J. Ohlsson moves to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Northfield Town Plan

2020-2028 and confirmation of the Town of Northfield's municipal planning process. L. Cattaneo seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

L. Cattaneo moves to close first public hearing, J. Ohlsson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING: ISSUANCE OF A DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE FOR NORTHFIELD TOWN PLAN 2020-2028

J. Ohlsson moves to open the second public hearing, L. Cattaneo seconds.

Z. Maia provides overview of the energy section of the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028*, noting the unique approach to including data and maps by reference. Z. Maia provides an overview of the staff review and suggestions for future updates. L. Hill-Eubanks corrects one of the suggestions by mentioning the Town's desired use of the landfill for energy production and agrees with the second suggestion.

B. Arrand and J. Manchester join the meeting.

R. Krauth moves to recommend to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners an affirmative determination of energy compliance for the *Northfield Town Plan 2020-2028*, B. Arrand seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

J. Ohlsson moves to close the second public hearing, L. Cattaneo seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE FAYSTON, VERMONT 2020 TOWN PLAN AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS

L. Cattaneo moves to the third public hearing, B. Arrand seconds.

Z. Maia provides overview of the Fayston plan update, focusing on the community survey integration and general data and narrative updates. Z. Maia provides the staff suggestions per G. Vinson's review of the plan.

L. Cattaneo asks the Town if Accessory Dwelling Units are allowed. D. Day and C. Chamberlain clarify that ADUs are allowed, as well as multifamily units and that the town is continually working on these items.

L. Cattaneo moves to recommend to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners approval of the *Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan dated July 27, 2020* and confirmation of the *Town of Fayston's municipal planning process*, second by B. Arrand. All in favor. Motion carries.

L. Cattaneo moves to close the third public hearing, J. Ohlsson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

R. Krauth noted that after Barre Town process, he is glad to see incorporation of maps by reference, and asks about incorporation of overlap maps into the municipal plan? Z. Maia responds with information on virtual mapping and web-map capabilities for future plan updates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Ohlsson provides correction to the minutes from the September 8th meeting on last page, first paragraph at top, clarifying that she said that historical data *is* available on the dashboard.

L. Cattaneo moves to approve minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting as modified, seconded by B. Arrand. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Manchester asked for a brief update prior to adjourning regarding the CVRPC Board of Commissioners meeting where the Barre Town energy determination was voted upon. R. Krauth said that the discussion was not major or lengthy; it mirrored much of the discussion at the MPRC level. Members note that the affirmative energy determination was made by the Commission.

L. Cattaneo moves to adjourn, J. Ohlsson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.