

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Project Review Committee

October 29, 2020 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Remote Participation via GoToMeeting

Minutes

Project Review Committee Members

x	Lee Cattaneo, Orange Commissioner	1
	John Brabant, Calais Commissioner	2
x	Jerry D'Amico, Roxbury Commissioner (Alternate Seat)	3
x	Peter Carbee, Washington Commissioner	4
x	Janet Shatney, Barre City Commissioner	5
	Bob Wernecke, Berlin Commissioner	6

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8 Staff: Clare Rock, Zach Maia

9 Guests: None

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11 *J. Shatney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.*

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Adjustments to the Agenda

14 None.

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Public Comments

17 None.

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Election of Officers

20 C. Rock explains election process and need. J. D'Amico asks about current positions, C. Rock clarifies J.

21 Shatney is chair, L. Cattaneo is vice-chair.

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23 *J. D'Amico moves to nominate L. Cattaneo as chair, P. Carbee seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.*

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25 J. Shatney asks for nominations for vice chair position. L. Cattaneo nominates J. D'Amico, but C. Rock
26 clarifies that vice chair must be a full time Commissioner, and J. D'Amico is an alternate.

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28 *J. Shatney nominates P. Carbee, L. Cattaneo seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.*

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Act 250 / Section 248 Applications & Projects of Substantial Regional Impact

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32 **a) Review Act 250 5W1206-5 Application in Waterbury, VT for significant regional impact and**
33 **conformance with regional plan.**

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35 J. Shatney opens the floor to Act 250 application. C. Rock clarifies that Z. Maia will be presenting.

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37 Z. Maia provides overview of the Act 250 application before the committee. This application can be

1 summarized as a 9 lot subdivision of 109 acres in Waterbury, VT. 6 lots are proposed for residential
2 development. Vermont Fish and Wildlife provided comments prompting staff to bring the project before
3 the committee. These comments discuss potential impacts to the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor. Z.
4 Maia presents maps of the site, answers general questions, and provides an overview of the Shutesville
5 Hill Wildlife Corridor.

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7 J. D’Amico initially states that this project is not significant regional impact, as there is still forest around
8 it, and indicates that this amount of development won’t affect bear habitat to extent, but would leave
9 this determination to wildlife professionals. P. Carbee adds that he is unsure of our exact role, but notes
10 that this development will affect the Shutesville corridor, and he would want to see ANR’s comments. J.
11 Shatney and rest of committee review SRI details and begin comparing project to the SRI criteria. J.
12 Shatney recognizes that this project does meet SRI Criterion 1.

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14 L. Cattaneo recalls previous hearing about Waterbury Enhanced Energy Plan, where adjoining
15 municipalities were concerned about Shutesville, and he recognizes that people outside of Waterbury
16 will be effected. Committee members agree and weigh the impacts of designating an SRI. J. Shatney asks
17 if the determination must be made tonight. Staff and Committee discuss timeline and recognize that a
18 second extension has not yet been granted.

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20 L. Cattaneo and J. D’Amico state that it may not be SRI until we receive more information. Staff asks
21 inquires about what facts would change the committee’s mind. Committee members discuss the need
22 to understand ANR’s position and what the developer intends on changing. L. Cattaneo says that prior to
23 issuing statement on SRI, the Committee must know what ANR’s comments are.

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25 P. Carbee began a motion to request staff send a letter requesting the comment period be extended
26 until November 30, backing up ANR information, so that the committee can make comments after more
27 information is prepared.

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29 Discussion ensues between Staff and Committee regarding next steps. Staff presents opportunity to
30 have applicant attend next committee meeting, where they can present proposed changes in response
31 to meetings with ANR. J. D’Amico asks if determining SRI would force the application into a major
32 application, to which C. Rock says yes.

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34 *P. Carbee moves to have staff send a letter to the District Commission requesting comment period be*
35 *opened until November 30, to allow CVRPC to meet with developer at next meeting, as we [the Project*
36 *Review Committee] do not have enough information to make a determination that this project is not a*
37 *Significant Regional Impact. J. D’Amico seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.*

38 **b) Review Project Review Summary Sheet**

39 Z. Maia provides overview of project updates received between September and October, 2020. No
40 discussion ensues.

41 **Approve meeting minutes**

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43 *L. Cattaneo moves to approve May 28, 2020 minutes, P. Carbee seconds. Discussion: Janet requests*
44 *spelling on page 17, line 40 – summary is “ary”. L. Cattaneo thanked staff for adequately summing up*
45 *comments by L. Cattaneo and J. D’Amico regarding energy storage. All in favor. Motion carries.*

46 **Adjournment**

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1 J. Shatney recognizes next meeting is on Thanksgiving., C. Rock proposes November 19. J. Shatney
2 clarifies time at 4:00pm. Next meeting is Thursday November 19 at 4:00pm.
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4 L. Cattaneo moves to adjourn. P. Carbee seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at
5 5:07pm.
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