



Weekly News Roundup January 15, 2021

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Upcoming Events

CVRPC Zoning Administrator Roundtable

January 21, 2020 | 9:00 - 11:00 am

Join CVRPC for a ZA roundtable for discussion with your peers on Accessory On-Farm Businesses and Accessory Dwellings, Flood Hazard Regulations, Determinations and Enforcement, followed by an open roundtable. See [Agenda](#) and contact Clare at rock@cvregion.com with questions or to RSVP.

Calais Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Meeting #4

January 21, 2021 | 11:30 am

LHMPs enable towns to qualify for grant funds, and they make our communities safer. The fourth Calais Hazard Mitigation planning meeting is scheduled for January 21st. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss public engagement and text updates. LHMPs 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

The meeting is open to all interested community members. The meeting can be accessed by computer using the following link (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/770552437>) or by phone: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122) using the following Access Code (770-552-437).

Worcester - Elmore VT Route 12 Corridor Project Public Information Meeting

February 1, 2021 | 6:30 pm

A Public Informational Meeting on the 3 bridge projects will be held during the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting via zoom. Additional details on the projects and the link to the online zoom meeting can be found [here](#). The meeting will be held by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and Town of Worcester.

Better Buildings By Design Conference

February 2-4, 2021

Better Buildings by Design, hosted by Efficiency Vermont, is the region's premier design and construction conference, which features interactive learning about building durability, efficiency, and value for both residential and commercial projects. This annual not-for-profit conference brings together top talent in building technology and design from across the country, and helps keep Vermont-area professionals at the forefront of their fields. [Information & Registration](#)

Community News

Volunteer Request



Kitchen Help with Prepping FEAST To-Go and Meals on Wheels and/or Dishwashing - Want to make a difference in the FEAST Kitchen at 58 Barre Street? Chef Mike says that morning and early afternoon shifts are available to help with either or both needs: food prep and dishwashing. Food service interest or experience is helpful but not necessarily required. For interested volunteers, training is also provided in using our commercial dishwashing machine.

Volunteers are required to do State of VT COVID Safety training and be willing to cooperate with following strict safety protocols. Some flexibility in hours and numbers of shifts per week; occasional subs also welcome to apply! Adults who are not in high-risk categories for COVID-19 are encouraged to contact us at 262-6288 or email feast@montpelier-vt.org to express interest.

City of Montpelier LHMP Survey- Feedback Requested

The City of Montpelier is looking for help identifying local safety hazards to assist in editing the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Hazard Mitigation Plans aim to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events. Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of safety hazard events or disasters. This is accomplished by identifying risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural and other risks.

Hazard mitigation is most effective when implemented through a strategic, comprehensive, and long-term Hazard Mitigation Plan, which are reviewed and updated every 5 years. The City of Montpelier, in collaboration with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, has begun the LHMP update process and is looking for input from Montpelier residents to help identify the hazards that impact the City.

Please respond to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVGR8GD> to help inform the LHMP. Your input is greatly appreciated and will help reduce risks and damages from future hazards. Contact Grace Vinson at vinson@cvregion.com with any questions.

#802phonesdown!heads up! Video Challenge

The Vermont Highway Safety Alliance PSA CONTEST opens on January 11th 2021. The contest is open to all Vermont High School Students (and cross border schools) grades 9 to 12. Create a 25 second YouTube video on the dangers of distracted driving to win one of the cash prizes. Upwards of \$3,000 will be awarded. Entries are due on or before March 15th 2021. Details on contest rules, submission, and more can be found [here](#).

Agency of Natural Resources Basin 7 Survey

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is in the process of developing the 5-year update for the Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan. They are asking for your feedback in this [survey](#) to better understand your knowledge, concerns, and activities in relation to water quality in the Lamoille River Basin (Basin 7) both locally and watershed wide.

Tactical Basin Plans (TBP) are strategic guidebooks for improving watershed health. They identify surface waters in need of restoration and protection, outline a list of actions to achieve water quality goals, and identify partners and funding critical to implementing the actions. The 2021 Lamoille TBP will also include the Phase 3 Implementation Plan to reduce nutrient pollution (phosphorus) into Lake Champlain.

This survey can take anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes based on the level of detail you provide for the questions.

Full links include:

- Intro to Tactical Basin Planning (5 minute Story Map scroll): <https://arcg.is/050WHu>
- Lamoille River (Basin 7) Public Survey (10-30 minute survey):
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0500IK26PEOcAnDtZHVZxme4UASCRAxPjvir9vT7hxRUOEc30EtCSU5HWUVOVzQyVTZO MFdNSFNBS4u>



VAPDA Annual Report

The Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies (VAPDA) has released their annual report. VAPDA is the umbrella organization that includes all eleven regional planning commissions in the State. Their annual brochure and work map details all of the work that regional planning commissions have accomplished in their regions and member municipalities during the past calendar year. Link to the [brochure](#) and [map](#)

Central Vermont Pop-Up Testing

While it's still too early to know how the recent holidays impacted COVID-19 cases in Vermont, you can still protect your loved ones and community by getting tested. The Health Department recommends testing if you gathered with anyone you don't live with or had a potential exposure to someone with COVID-19. If you are symptomatic, please contact your primary care provider. Central Vermont Medical Center has also expanded testing- to schedule an appointment, call the CVMC COVID Hotline at 802-371-5310.

Pre-registration is required, pre-register here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>

Vaccine Information on VDH Website

The Vermont Department of Health website has is working closely with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other partners to prepare for vaccines as they become available. [Visit this webpage](#) for information, and check back often as VDH updates this page with new information.

News from CVRPC

The status of many municipal offices has changed in recent weeks - please see our [Municipal Status](#) chart for the latest information (in red). If your community has a need we can assist you with, please contact us at CVRPC@cvregion.com. Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) related to COVID-19 are available on our website. Stay Safe!

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Small Scale Bike & Ped Grants

VTrans is soliciting applications for small-scale projects through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to improve access and safety for people walking and/or bicycling through the construction of simple physical improvements.



Grants reimburse construction costs only and will be awarded in the range of \$5,000 to \$75,000. The local share of projects is 50%. Local match may be cash, in-kind labor, donated materials, or any combination thereof.

Small-scale projects may consist of the following facilities:

- Bicycle lanes (on-road facility delineated with pavement markings and signs)
- Shoulders (generally a minimum of 3-feet wide to accommodate bicyclists)
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian crossing improvements, including median pedestrian refuge islands
- Pedestrian signals
- Improvements that address requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians)

Ideal candidate projects for this round of grants are those that are ready to go to construction in 2021. Making improvements to support walking or bicycling is important to local communities and the investment will support local economies as Vermont emerges from the economic downturn resulting from COVID19 in 2020. Projects that involve right of way acquisition, utility relocation or complex structural elements are not good candidates.

For a copy of the VTrans 2021 Small-scale Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Guide and to access the application materials, visit the VTrans Bike/Ped Program website:

<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>. You may also obtain a copy or ask any questions about the program or application process by contacting Jon Kaplan at (802) 498-4742 or email at jon.kaplan@vermont.gov.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format as Adobe .pdf files. Complete applications are due by **1:00 PM on Friday, February 19, 2021**.

Save Our Stages (SOS) Grants

The [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#) (CAA) includes a new \$15 billion grant program called Save Our Stages ("SOS Grants") through which the U.S. Small Business Administration will provide

aid to struggling live venue operators and related businesses. The grants will offer a critical lifeline for the nation's performing arts venues, movie theatres and museums. [Read more about the program and eligibility](#). While Save Our Stages has not yet opened, we encourage organizations and businesses who may be eligible to begin preparations.

Upcoming Meetings

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

JANUARY

Jan 18 Martin Luther King Holiday - CVRPC Office closed

Jan 20 9 am Green Mountain Byways Steering Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Jan 21 9 am Zoning Administrators Roundtable, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Jan 21 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Jan 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Feb 9 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Feb 15 Presidents Day Holiday - CVRPC Office closed

Feb 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Feb 25 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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