

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Municipal Plan Review Committee**

Draft Minutes

June 3, 2021 at 5:00pm

Via Zoom Software

Committee Members:

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

Municipal Representatives: Will Colgan, Jim Volz

Other: Paula Emery, Plainfield CVRPC Rep; Peter Carbee, Washington CVRPC Rep

Staff: Clare Rock, Grace Vinson

CALL TO ORDER

B. Arrand called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Everyone introduced themselves.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE PLAINFIELD 2021 TOWN PLAN AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS; and

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CVRPC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: a. CONFIRMATION OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS; b. APPROVAL OF THE PLAINFIELD 2021 TOWN PLAN;

and

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE.

B Arrand opened the hearing. Will Colgan Plainfield PC chair provided an overview of the very general process and stated that the town worked with staff Zach Maia and Clare Rock to finalize the plan. Grace Vinson provide a brief summary of the staff review and noted that the Climate Resilience section was a nice addition which incorporated the Hazard Mitigation Plan and provided a couple suggestion the next update which were outlined in the packet.

Jim Volz, Plainfield SB member stated the Plainfield team did a good job and was happy to see the plan was completed.

L. Cattaneo moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners confirmation of Plainfield's planning process to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners, seconded by R. Krauth. All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Ohlsson moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Plainfield Town Plan. L. Cattaneo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Krauth mentioned the VELCO plan and noted that upgrades might be needed to the transmission system if we're going to meet our regional energy targets and this should be kept in mind for future planning and the update the regional plan.

Jan noted that there was little mention of conservation in energy plans and suggested that we should be looking at more closely at this aspect, such as in regard to transportation. Rather than powering more vehicles, maybe we should be driving less.

Jim Volz added that towns can still have polices that support electric vehicles and heat pumps, and we shouldn't be too concerned about the grid implications at this time and suggested VELCO also look at ways the grid could accommodate our current energy goals.

R. Krauth moves to recommend to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners an affirmative determination of energy compliance for the Plainfield Town Plan, L. Cattaneo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The committee commended the town plan review and the work of the reviewer, recognizing the level of effort needed to prepare the materials.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L Cattaneo moved to approve minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting, seconded by R. Krauth. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

L Cattaneo moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Ohlsson. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.