



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANNUAL MEETING

June 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm

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☞ *Commissioners: Please join us online at 6:00 pm to share a meal and casual conversation.*

Page **AGENDA**

6:30³ Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments

3 6:35 Elections, Dara Torre, Secretary/Treasurer

**6:40 Tools and Resources for Complying with Act 171, Forest Integrity,
Clare Rock, Senior Planner**

**7:20 Municipal Plan Approval & Confirmation of Planning Process &
Certificate of Energy Compliance, Bill Arrand, Municipal Plan Review
Committee Chair (enclosed)⁴**

Report and recommended from Municipal Plan Review Committee
regarding Town of Plainfield 2021 Plan approval and energy
certification.

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7:35 VELCO 2021 Long Range Transmission Plan Comments, *Grace Vinson*
(enclosed)⁴

7:50 Municipal Updates

An opportunity for Board members to share news from their communities.

5 8:05 Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021 (enclosed)⁴

9 8:10 Reports (enclosed)

Update/questions on Staff, Director, and Committee Reports

8:20 Adjournment

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

2021 Annual Meeting

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS (FY22)

Executive Committee: Vote for each position: Officers and Executive Committee members (7 in total)

Chair: ☐ Stephen Lotspeich, Waterbury

Vice-Chair: ☐ Jerry D'Amico, Roxbury

Secretary/Treasurer: ☐ Janet Shatney, Barre City

Four (4) Executive Committee members-at-large; vote for four (4):

- ☐ Michael Gray, Woodbury
- ☐ Laura Hill-Eubanks, Northfield
- ☐ Lee Cattaneo, Orange
- ☐ Marcella Dent, Montpelier

Project Review Committee: One (1) member and one (1) alternate member; vote for two (2):

- ☐ Robert Wernecke, Berlin
- ☐ Bill Arrand (alternate), Worcester

Regional Plan Committee: Five (5) members; vote for five (5):

- ☐ Russ Bowen, Fayston
- ☐ Laura Hill-Eubanks, Northfield
- ☐ Dara Torre, Moretown
- ☐ Karla Nuissl, Berlin Alternate
- ☐ Byron Atwood, Barre Town

Municipal Plan Review Committee: Five (5) members; vote for five (5):

- ☐ Bill Arrand, Worcester
- ☐ Jan Ohlsson, Calais Alternate
- ☐ Ron Krauth, Middlesex
- ☐ Joyce Manchester, Moretown Alternate
- ☐ Peter Carbee, Washington

Continued

Brownfields Advisory Committee: Four (4) members and one (1) alternate member; vote for five (5):

- ☐ Paula Emery, Plainfield
- ☐ Heather Grandfield, Barre City Alternate
- ☐ Ron Krauth, Middlesex
- ☐ George Clain, Barre Town Alternate
- ☐ Peter Carbee, (alternate), Washington

Clean Water Advisory Committee:

CVRPC Members: One (1) member and one (1) alternate member; vote for two (2):

- ☐ Amy Hornblas, Cabot
- ☐ Rich Turner, (alternate), Williamstown

Municipal Members: Two (2) members; vote for two (2):

- ☐ Larry Becker
- ☐ Joyce Manchester

Commission Appointments to Other Organizations (CVRPC Representative):

Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies:

- ☐ Stephen Lotspeich, Waterbury

Vermont Economic Progress Council

- ☐ Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director

Green Mountain Transit

- ☐ Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director
- ☐ Christian Meyer (alternate), Senior Planner

*Please return your ballot to CVRPC in the enclosed SASE
by Friday, June 4th. (Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery) Thank you.*

Questions? Call CVRPC at 229-0389; e-mail chartrand@cvregion.com

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Draft MINUTES
May 11, 2021

Commissioners:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre City	Janet Shatney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown	Dara Torre, Secretary/Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather Grandfield, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joyce Manchester, Alt
<input type="checkbox"/> Barre Town	Byron Atwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northfield	Laura Hill-Eubanks, Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	George Clain, Alt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange	Lee Cattaneo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlin	Robert Wernecke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plainfield	Paula Emery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karla Nuissl, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Atchinson, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabot	Amy Hornblas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calais	John Brabant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield	Don La Haye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan Ohlsson, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harrison Snapp, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren	VACANT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Montpelier	Julie Potter	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Michael Bridgewater, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarice Cutler, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington	Peter Carbee
<input type="checkbox"/> Fayston	Russ Bowen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich, Vice-Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Marshfield	Robin Schunk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williamstown	Richard Turner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacqueline Higgins, Alt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montpelier	Marcella Dent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury	Michael Gray
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Miller, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester	Bill Arrand

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand, Clare Rock, Grace Vinson

Guests: Shana Louiselle, Hantz Pr  sum  , Marc Allen, Lou Cecere, VELCO

Call to Order

Chair Hill-Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and conducted a roll call. Quorum was present.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comments

None.

2021 VELCO Long Range Transmission Plan

Hill-Eubanks introduced participants from VELCO. Hantz Pr  sum   provided detail on the presentation shared in the packet regarding VELCO's Long Term Transmission Plan for Vermont. He highlighted summer and winter peak loads, load forecast scenarios, information on solar PV growth, the impact of electric vehicles and heat pumps up future load, load control, upgrade projections, and the need to

1 optimize distribution geographically. Pr sum  emphasized that storage or load management is
2 necessary to avoid future transmission problems and that better communication between all
3 stakeholders is essential.

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5 When the floor was opened to questions, it was confirmed that while Vermont's peak used to be in the
6 summer, the peak in the future is projected to be in the winter due to heat pumps and electric vehicles.
7 Pr sum  said he could not speak to the effect the New England clean energy corridor would have on
8 future rates.

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10 When asked what the RPC should be doing to help, VELCO representatives recommended 1) having
11 developers install storage as part of their projects and ask developers to allow control of their inverters
12 on their projects to allow better communication; and 2) having a mix of technology types (other than
13 solar PV which has a low capacity factor) to reduce generation needed on a system.

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15 When asked about the need for integrated planning between distribution and transmission sides,
16 Pr sum  confirmed better collaboration is needed between VELCO, distribution utilities, Dept. of Public
17 Service, RPCs, and other organizations doing facility planning. He confirmed that there is still work that
18 needs to be done on storage. While utilities are working on this, more work is necessary. He
19 recommended consideration be given to planning for the provision of incentives for developers to install
20 storage as part of their projects. He confirmed that electric vehicles will aggravate storage problems,
21 and that utilities offering incentives not to charge during peak usage times (with technology to support)
22 would be helpful.

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24 There was question as to whether VELCO could provide information on storage and other problems
25 related to load to legislators and others. Pr sum  advised they have testified several times at the
26 Legislature regarding transmission systems, storage and solar PV, as have the utilities. He noted that
27 many organizations are trying to provide the necessary information to lawmakers to help them make
28 the right decisions for Vermont.

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30 Clarification was also requested regarding findings on future capacity and how it relates to energy
31 targets outlined in regional plans. Pr sum  confirmed that some regions have listed targets that are
32 lower than what the current system can accommodate. He noted he was not saying regions cannot
33 achieve their targets, but that systems as they currently are cannot accommodate the large numbers.
34 He indicated that storage to absorb excess energy, manage load, curtail generation that is controllable
35 by operators, or reinforcing the system to allow meeting these targets is necessary. Communication is
36 needed to bridge the gap.

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38 There was also discussion on the fees charged by utilities to solar customers and the need to maintain
39 the proper infrastructure that would be necessary should there be an event that interrupts solar
40 generation for a period of time. Pr sum  noted he anticipates there will continue to be monthly fees to
41 all solar consumers for grid maintenance to ensure it is always there.

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43 Hill-Eubanks thanked VELCO representatives for the presentation and information. Questions for VELCO
44 can be sent to Shana Louiselle, slouiselle@velcom.com or (802-353-9346).

FY22 Nominations

Hill-Eubanks advised a final slate has been completed by the Nominating Committee and introduced J. Potter, who chaired the Committee, to provide a summary.

Potter reviewed the process the Nominating Committee undertook to put together a slate and submitted the following nominations:

Executive Committee: Chair – Steve Lotspeich; Vice Chair – Jerry D’Amico; Secretary/Treasurer – Janet Shatney; At Large Members – Laura Hill-Eubanks, Lee Cattaneo, Michael Gray, and Marcella Dent.

Project Review Committee: Bob Wernecke and as alternate, Bill Arrand.

Regional Plan Committee: Laura Hill-Eubanks, Russ Bowen, Dara Torre, Karla NuiSSL, and Byron Atwood.

Municipal Plan Review Committee: Bill Arrand, Jan Ohlsson, Ron Krauth, Joyce Manchester, and Peter Carbee.

Brownfields Advisory Committee: Ron Krauth, Heather Greenfield, Paula Emery, George Clain, and as alternate, Peter Carbee.

Clean Water Advisory Committee: Commissioners: Amy Hornblas, and as alternate, Rich Turner. Municipal Members: Larry Becker and Joyce Manchester.

Commission Appointments to Other Organizations Vermont Association of Planning and Development: Steve Lotspeich; Vermont Economic Progress Council: Bonnie Waninger; and Green Mountain Transit: Bonnie Waninger, and as alternate, Christian Meyer.

Hill-Eubanks thanked the Nominating Committee for its work and opened the floor to nominations for each role. No additional nominations from the floor were received, and Hill-Eubanks closed nominations. She advised that staff will mail a ballot to all Commissioners by Friday. Ballots will need to be received at CVRPC by June 4th.

There was confirmation that members elected to committees will begin their duties starting July 1st.

Municipal Updates

Brabant shared information on a chronic local issue in their town and also seen in neighboring towns - domesticated livestock getting loose. He noted towns have limited ability under statute to address the problem. He advised that there was legislation introduced by Janet Ancel which passed the House, but is currently sitting in the Senate. He inquired if anyone wants to join the bandwagon to implore legislature to address this issue when owners aren’t addressing the problem.

Emery shared that Plainfield is having issues with fireworks. Many fire department chiefs are joining together to lobby legislature about the issue. She also noted the Town needs to replace a bridge in the

1 village and is working on planning and funding for that. They also are dealing with hurdles related to a
2 pedestrian walkway over the Winooski River.

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4 Waninger shared a celebration regarding Middlesex, which received two awards from the Vermont
5 Planners Association: Plan of the Year for the Walkable Middlesex Village Study and Citizen Planners of
6 the Year for its Planning Commission.

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8 Carbee advised that Washington is beginning discussions on use of forthcoming COVID funds and
9 inquired what other municipalities are planning. Waterbury is doing a water main extension project.
10 Woodbury is considering high speed internet connectivity project with CV Fiber and potentially restoring
11 the Town Hall to create meeting space to comply with COVID restrictions. Berlin is discussing culvert
12 repair on Fisher Road and a bridge project on another road. Waninger advised she has heard larger
13 municipalities are doing water/wastewater infrastructure, broadband, and replacement of lost
14 revenues. She reminded members that transportation is not an eligible use. She noted that the US
15 Treasury released Guidance and a Fact Sheet on Monday, which will be forwarded to Commissioners
16 and municipalities. She also reminded members that municipalities will need a DUNS number to claim
17 funds. Funds are anticipated as soon as July and will come directly from the State. She also noted VLCT
18 advises municipalities to track funds in a separate fund account from their General Fund for more
19 consistent tracking and easier auditing. She suggested all towns consider creating a list of 10 projects.
20 VLCT and RPCs will work cooperatively with towns to assist (VLCT – Risk Management, Legal, Education;
21 RPC – meet with towns, project ideas and development, etc.).

22 23 **Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021**

24 *L. Cattaneo moved to approve the minutes; D. La Haye seconded. Motion carried.*

25 26 **Reports**

27 Hill-Eubanks noted the summary from the Vermont Commission on Women with details about impacts
28 from the COVID-19 Crisis on Vermont Women was interesting.

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30 Potter questioned where staff and committee reports were and inquired if they would be posted. It was
31 confirmed they will be posted.

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33 Hill-Eubanks highlighted that Potter will be retiring from the RPC this month and thanked her for all her
34 work alongside Waninger to improve the RPC. She noted it had been Potter's mission to put in place
35 new policies and procedures to help us all be more efficient and effective at the RPC. She was an
36 excellent chair and helped make the job a lot easier with all her knowledge. She stated she hoped her
37 next projects bring her immense joy and satisfaction. Potter advised it was a pleasure working with
38 everyone and help the RPC live up to all of its potential. Others shared their gratitude for Potter's work.

39 40 **Adjournment**

41 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm; L. Cattaneo seconded. Motion carried.*

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43 Respectfully submitted,
44 Nancy Chartrand, Office Manager

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

P: 802-229-0389

Staff Report, May 2021

F: 802-223-1977

All CVRPC staff continue to work remotely per the Governor's order to support remote work for employees to the extent possible. (Addendum 12 to Executive Order 01-20)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Contact Clare Rock, rock@cvregion.com unless otherwise noted.

Municipal Planning & Plan Implementation:

- Finished formatting of Roxbury Town Plan ahead of the local adoption process.
- Continued Woodbury Town Plan story map and survey for community outreach on the Town Plan and Future Land use element.
- Began mapping trails in the Orange Town Forest. Attended a tour of the Town Forest.
- Provided comments on the draft Worcester Town Plan.
- Presented latest zoning amendments to the Middlesex Planning Commission and discussed possible zoning map changes.
- Drafted Woodbury Town Plan Rural Infrastructure chapter and met with the Planning Commission to discuss goals and policies.
- Presented zoning recommendations to the Moretown Planning Commission and attended a village walking tour to visualize possible housing related zoning changes. Responded to Town Treasurer inquiry regarding project grant match requirement.
- Completed a statutory consultation with the East Montpelier Planning Commission.

Training & Education:

- Meet with ACCD and VAPDA representative to discuss Housing/Zoning for Great Neighborhoods training for RPCs.

Regional Planning and Implementation:

- West Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):
 - Updated the Draft Regional Economic Profile with refined and new data.
 - Compiled county-specific Economic Profile summaries for review by the Strategy Committee.
 - Attended and presented on Economic Profile updates at the Strategy Committee meeting.
 - Met with consultant regarding June engagement meeting logistics.
- Worked with Montpelier Parks to develop workshop for a regional trails and recreation networks to foster economic development as part of Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grant. Workshop is scheduled for June 9th.
- Reviewed VELCO Transmission Plan and attend RPC presentation about the findings.
- Participated in an Urban and Community Forestry Council Leadership Committee meeting. CVRPC represents VAPDA on this committee.
- Drafted seven regional plan conformance and project support letters for applicants to the Northern Borders Regional Commission's State Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program.

Partnerships for Progress:

Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC): Participated in Board meeting. Met jointly with Northern Border Regional Commission grant applicants. Met with CVEDC Director to discuss CEDS outreach and regional economic project priority setting process.

THRIVE: Participated in Design Team meeting, weekly Leadership Partners check ins, and monthly Community and Leadership Partners meetings. Interviewed two candidates for VISTA service.

Washington County Hunger Council: Chaired Council meetings discussion congregate meal sites and updates from the council partners, and change of meeting format moving forward

Barre Area Development Corporation (BADC): Participated in monthly meeting and provided CVRPC updates.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HAZARD MITIGATION

Contact Grace Vinson, vinson@cvregion.com, unless otherwise noted.

Local/Regional Planning:

- Attended monthly VEM/RPC meeting.
- Attended SERC meeting.
- Distributed 2020 Tier 2 maps to Emergency Management Directors for inclusion in 2021 LEMPs.
- Sent Montpelier, Barre City, Cabot, Berlin, Plainfield, Calais, Moretown, Warren, and Woodbury LEMPs to VEM for approval. Received VEM approval on Berlin, Cabot, Barre Town, East Montpelier, Roxbury, Moretown, Plainfield, and Montpelier LEMPs
- Provided information to Calais regarding FEMA funding opportunities for Kent Hill culvert replacement.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP): Staff supported communities in the development, review, and adoption of local hazard mitigation plans.

Calais – Updated plan text based on Committee and Selectboard meeting input. Distributed plan for public comment.

Marshfield – Attended Selectboard meeting to discuss vulnerability assessment process. Continued to develop draft for public comment.

Montpelier – Updated plan text based on Committee meeting. Distributed plan for public comment.

COVID-19 Response & Recovery:

- Participated in State Emergency Operation Center and Health Operation Center meetings to maintain situational awareness regarding response and recovery needs/actions.
- Conducted outreach to provide COVID planning assistance as EMD roundtable follow up.
- Participated in VLCT's American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) webinar. Discussed program and potential projects with East Montpelier Town Administrator. Emailed Treasury Guidance to Town Administrators/Managers and Duxbury Selectboard member.

TRANSPORTATION

Contact Christian Meyer, meyer@cvregion.com, unless otherwise noted.

Field Services: Contact Ashley Andrews, Andrews@cvregion.com,

- Placed road counters in Marshfield at 5 locations.

Public Transit: CVRPC represents Central Vermont on the Green Mountain Transit (GMT) Board of Commissioners. Staff participated in the following GMT meetings:

Board of Commissioners – See Committee updates.

Leadership Committee – Held Executive Sessions to discuss labor relations agreements with employees and a labor related arbitration. No action taken as a result of the Session.

Operations Committee – Did not meet.

- Participate in VT Business for Social Responsibility's Equality & Equity Training on behalf of GMT.

Municipal Assistance:

- Assisting Cabot and Waitsfield with development of an ash tree management plan.
- Creating draft road maps for East Montpelier emergency services.
- Contacted municipalities that were awarded Grant in Aid funds to schedule pre-construction site visits. Sent conformation/ notice to proceed letters to several towns.
- Completed Grants in Aid site visits for Montpelier, Orange, Marshfield, and Roxbury.
- Presented to Barre City Council about the Municipal Roads General Permit and completing a road erosion inventory.
- Assisted Calais with determining best funding for replacement of culvert vulnerable to flood damage.
- Presented local and regional transportation data trends at Barre City's Housing and Transportation Forum.

Regional Activities:

- Coordinated with VTrans and participated in the VPSP2 (state project prioritization) for RPCs meetings. Sent TAC the projects and the preliminary scores created for each by CVRPC and VTrans.
- Hosted the Central Vermont Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee (REDPAC) meeting, sharing program updates and reviewing the REDPAC's workplan.
- Participated in the monthly TPI meeting. We heard about the FY22 Work Plan, E&D Work Plan, updates to Better Roads and Grants in Aid grants, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan which is starting a new 5 year cycle, reducing repeat damages, the Route 30 Corridor management plan, a new TPI task for the Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program, and billing, legislative updates in Transportation, Virtual Public Involvement and District Leveling Projects for this field season.
- Participated in interview with Capstone Community Action consultant for its mobility project.
- Completed review of the Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT) damage, vulnerability, and road importance data for the Central Vermont portion of the Lamoille River Basin. Attended team meeting with VTrans and consultants and coordinated with other RPCs to complete their reviews of TRPT model data. This project is funded through VTrans and CVRPC is providing administration, oversight, and training of other RPCs. The statewide coverage of this tool will allow Towns to better plan for infrastructure replacement from a flood resilience lens. Contact Pam DeAndrea, deandrea@cvregion.com.
- Participated in Green Mountain Byway monthly meeting and presented mapping options for their new website including an interactive web map to show photos and locations of key attractions along the Byway.
- Participate in MyRide Advisory Committee meeting.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Contact Pam DeAndrea, deandrea@cvregion.com, unless otherwise noted.

Tactical Basin Planning Assistance:

- Met with Basin Planners and regional partners to coordinate and determine FY22 priorities and draft a work plan for the Winooski, Lamoille, White, and Stevens-Wells-Waits-Ompompanoosuc-CT River Direct Tributaries Basins. DEC will rank work plans to determine funding allocations in FY22.
- For the Winooski Basin, submitted to DEC an update on project progress and strategy status in the implementation table of the Tactical Basin Plan.
- Followed up with Mayor and Councilman of Barre City Council on forwarding projects from their Stormwater Master Plan to final design and implementation and on meeting requirements of the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- Provided update to CWAC on Lamoille Basin survey sent out to communities in the Lamoille Basin, including Woodbury.

Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP): DEC files its final CWSP Rule for consideration by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR). DEC drew a hard line related to conflict of interest and Basin Water Quality Council members voting on a project their organization proposes.

Design Implementation Block Grant Program (DIBG, formerly Clean Water Block Grant Program):

Calais Stormwater Mitigation Final Designs – Contractor, Calais Selectboard and Road Crew members, landowner, and CVRPC staff met for a site visit to determine additional needs for final design and inform Selectboard members and adjacent landowner on the stormwater design and construction feasibility and needs. Contractor is updating designs to 90% to incorporate comments from meetings and site visit. The 90% designs are expected by August.

Berlin Town Office Stormwater Implementation – Construction is just about complete and looks beautiful! Dubois & King and Dale Percy, Inc. have done a great job and are expected to finish any day now. There is a gravel wetland off to the south of the parking lot at the Berlin Town Office. This wetland will treat stormwater from the lot and the Town Office, which will meet the Town's requirements for the 3-acre General Stormwater Permit. CVRPC's assistance in obtaining funding for design and construction for the Town has put Berlin ahead of the game in meeting this new permit requirement.

Moretown Elementary School Stormwater Final Design: 60% designs were presented to stakeholders for comments. Selectboard members wanted to wait until possible adjacent landowner concerns over standing water in the gravel wetland were addressed before moving to finalize the plans. Staff and Selectboard members met with the landowners to present the plans and example photos. Standing water in a gravel wetland will be temporary by design following a flood event and would not pose threats to mosquito breeding. Staff and the consultant team will await approval from the Town based on landowner agreement before forwarding the designs to 90%.

P3-Public Private Partnership Stormwater: Participated in meeting to review concept designs for stormwater treatment at the Cabot Hosiery Mill in Northfield. This site is a 3-acre impervious site that will be required to meet the 3-acre General Stormwater Permit. The Mill and the Town are considered to be a private-public partnership project as town roads contribute to the stormwater drainage. The Town was also an original co-permittee for stormwater treatment at the site due to the Industrial Park. Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC

was contracted by the DEC to find 10 private-public partnership 3-acre sites in the Lake Champlain Basin and complete 30% designs. CVRPC was subcontracted by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC to participate in these meetings and provide support to the towns. Northfield would like CVRPC to assist in finding grant funding for future final design and implementation of this project. This project has been a great example of how CVRPC can work with partners to help businesses and towns work together to meet ANR permit requirements.

Clean Water Planning (604b): Began project to create a web map of monitoring locations water quality results for the Friends of the Mad River (FMR). Met with FMR staff to present options for GIS mapping via the web and communicating water quality results to their constituents. This effort will tie in nicely to the web map created last year for the Friends of the Winooski and help to build the communication of water quality in a user-friendly manner to Central Vermont. Project completion is August 2021.

Plainfield Gull Restoration: CVRPC has been awarded a \$224,749 contract from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for construction of the stormwater mitigation and gully restoration at The Health Center in Plainfield. This project originated from a Stormwater Master Plan that was funded for final design from the DEC, which was completed in 2019. Met with DEC regarding new contract for Plainfield Gully Stormwater Construction project.

Forest Integrity: Provided draft language for inclusion into the Community Strategies resources. GIS staff have begun a web map that will show municipal and regional protections for forested areas and compare with recommended BioFinder data used for compliance of Act 171. Contact Clare Rock at rock@cvregion.com.

OFFICE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office:

- Conducted site tours with office space proposal finalists, provided feedback. and reviewed final proposals. The Executive Committee approved having CVRPC remain in its current space for the next 10 years.
- Conducted Finance Manager interviews.
- Met with CVRPC attorney to discuss employee benefits items.
- Began recruitment for Planner and AmeriCorps VISTA positions.

Professional Development/Leadership:

- Pam and Ashley attended the Spring NEARC Conference.
- Pam continued to participate in the New England Arc Users Conference (NEARC) Board meetings and planning the 2021 Spring Conference.
- Nancy participated in a *Vaccination in the Workplace* forum to learn about policies and procedures related to vaccinations.
- Bonnie participated in VCRD's *Summit on the Future of Vermont*. Participated in track on building safe and welcoming communities for people of color and new Vermonters.

Upcoming Meetings:

All CVRPC meetings currently are being held as virtual meetings. Meeting access information is provided on agendas at www.centralvtplanning.org.

June

June 1	4 pm	Executive Committee
June 2	4 pm	Regional Plan Committee
June 3	5 pm	Municipal Plan Review Committee
June 8	11 am	Bylaw Work Group
June 8	6:30 pm	Board of Commissioners
June 9	2 pm	Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Committee
June 9	4:30 pm	Fostering a Regional Recreation Economy – Creating Networks in Central Vermont Workshop
June 18	9 am	VTrans Elders & Persons with Disabilities Summit
June 22	6:30 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee
June 23	10:30 am	Bylaw Work Group
June 24	4 pm	Project Review Committee
June 24	6 pm	CEDS Central Vermont Region Public Meeting
June 28	6 pm	State Comprehensive Energy Plan Public Input Meeting

July

July 5		<i>Independence Day Holiday, CVRPC Office Closed</i>
July 6	4 pm	Executive Committee
July 11	11 am	Bylaw Work Group
July	6:30 pm	Board of Commissioners
July	10 am	Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Committee
July	6:30 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee
July	4 pm	Project Review Committee
July 28	10:30 am	Bylaw Work Group

WEEKLY NEWS HEADLINES

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May 7th

- Middlesex VPA Awards
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission seeks Bookkeeper or Finance Manager
- FEMA Lamoille River Field Survey
- Notice of Public Hearing - Plainfield Town Plan
- Rural Fire Protection Grant Program
- Draft Montpelier Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for Public Comment 05/07 to 05/21
- Draft Calais Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for Public Comment 05/07 to 05/21
- COVID Funding for Municipalities

- Leahy Shares Congressionally Directed Spending Information
- Get Vaccinated at Special Speedway, Drive-through and Mobile Clinic Events

May 21st

- Full Plates VT
- Town of Waitsfield is Hiring
- Vermont Telecommuting Study
- Funding Available to Establish Municipal Composting Plans

- Funding Available to Support Arts Integration into Community Life
- Veggie Van Go
- New Guidance for Mask Wearing, Travel and Gathering
- Vaccination Updates & Clinics
- Workshop - Fostering a Regional Recreation Economy – creating networks in Central Vermont
- US Treasury Launches State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program
- USDA Grants for Local Food Systems
- Funding to Establish Municipal Composting Plans
- Funding Available to Support Arts Integration into Community Life

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Executive Director's Report

June 2, 2021

Virtual Workshop - West Central VT Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) invite you to shape future economic development efforts in Central Vermont and Vermont!

On June 24th at 6 PM, CVRPC and CVEDC will host a workshop for local business leaders, regional stakeholders, municipal representatives and residents. The intent of the workshop is to:

1. inform local leaders of our collaboration with partner regional planning commissions and regional development corporations to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for West Central Vermont.
2. gather information about economic Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and desired Results. This information will guide the development of the West Central Vermont CEDS over the next year.

A CEDS is strategy-driven plan for regional economic development. Adopting a CEDS can help our region set a strategic course for economic development efforts. It also can open opportunities for additional federal funding to support local economic development efforts.

Watch for a Save the Date announcement about the June 24th event and sign up to share your experience and knowledge!

VT Comprehensive Energy Plan Regional Forums

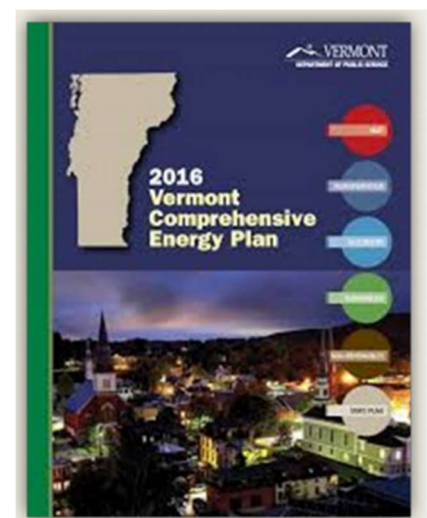
The Vermont Public Service Department will be hosting four **virtual** regional forums in June focused on energy planning efforts by Regional Planning Commissions and municipalities. Please consider attending the forum if you are involved in energy planning efforts and would like to help identify regionally and locally important energy planning issues and challenges and recommended strategies for addressing these issues and challenges in the 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan. The dates and times of the forums are:

Southeastern Forum: June 1, 2021 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission
Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission
Windham Regional Commission

Northern Forum: June 2, 2021 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Northeastern Vermont Development Association
Lamoille County Planning Commission
Northwest Regional Planning Commission



Southwestern Forum: June 8, 2021 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Bennington County Regional Commission

Central Forum: June 28, 2021 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

For more information and the meeting participation link, see: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/2022-plan>

Legislative Funding Outcomes

Legislative Allocation: Level funding of RPC base allocation; one-time \$75,000 for each RPC for increased workload from the pandemic.

Climate Coordinator: \$1 million for RPC energy implementation services in FY22 in support of local, regional, and state comprehensive energy plan and state Climate Action Plan implementation.

Brownfield Assessments: \$1 million to RPCs in FY22 for brownfield assessments.

ARPA: \$150,000 per year for two years for RPC municipalities assistance with project management needs in expending ARPA funds. Services include identifying needs and priorities, responding to inquiries related to eligibility, and facilitating local discussions on specific projects. VLCT also received funding to provide legal and fiscal guidance to municipalities to reduce the risk of inappropriate spending that results in municipal payback of ARPA funds.

Municipalities also should be aware that ACCD expects to receive \$650,000 for technical assistance to municipalities on accessory dwelling and small lot development and bylaw modernization consistent with Zoning for Great Neighborhoods. ACCD has asked RPCs to assess which municipalities would like to work with RPCs directly. It also will use a portion of the funds in a grant program, similar to Municipal Planning Grants. To learn more, or for bylaw modernization or grant application assistance, contact Clare Rock at rock@cvregion.com.

Resuming Normal Operations – Twitter Edition

Currently, CVRPC's plan for resuming normal operations is:

- *Through July 1*, maintain a closed office and continue holding virtual meetings. Remote or in-office work by employees permitted. In office work requires facial coverings per staff unanimous agreement.
- *After July 1*, all staff resume in-office work at least one day per week with no more than 2-3 employees in the office at the same time. Continuing holding meetings virtually.
- *Beginning September 1*, open the CVRPC office and potentially resume in-person meetings. All staff to resume in-office work at least three days per week. Evaluate whether hybrid meetings are possible for the Board and committees.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Committee & Appointed Representative Reports, May 2021

Meeting minutes for CVRPC Committees are available at www.centralvtplanning.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Monday of week prior to Commission meeting; 4pm)

- Presentation of the FY20 audit by Batchelder Associates. No findings. Net income of \$164,590 attributed to earned a significant net income on one project due to lower than anticipated contractor bids, planned retainable of municipal dues to strengthen the Commission's reserve fund, and over recovery of indirect costs (overhead costs). The indirect rate was adjusted downward in FY20 to reduce the over recovery. Audit available at <https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/21-05-25-Audit-FINAL.pdf>
- Approved April finance report. Revenues and expenses trending as anticipated. 04/30/21 net income is \$96,180; anticipate fiscal year end at \$70-80,000 due to planned retainage of partial dues. Indirect rate adjusted downward to avoid significant over recovery of administrative expenses. CVRPC continues to implement its long-term plan to improve its financial position. This includes having six months of operating costs in its reserve fund and at least \$100,000 in its operating account. As of 04/30/21, operating funds were at \$168,289 and the reserve balance equated to 2.7 months.
- Adopted FY22 Work Plan and Budget. Currently projecting a net income of \$16,808. Work plan and budget summary available at <https://centralvtplanning.org/about/operating-policies/>.
- Authorized Executive Director to sign amendment 3 for the VT Dept. of Forest, Parks, and Recreation Forest Integrity grant, a contact with the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation to construction stormwater improvements at The Plainfield Health Center, and Amendment 1 to Addendum 2 of the Watershed Consulting Associations Stormwater Services Master Agreement (Moretown Elementary School Stormwater Mitigation Final Design project).
- Received update from the Bylaw Work Group about its progress.
- Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a 10-year lease, to include owner improvements, with Bigglestone Investments for the office space at 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier.
- Scheduled July meeting for Tuesday, July 6 due to the Independence Day holiday.

PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE (A sub-committee of the Executive Committee)

Did not meet.

BYLAW WORK GROUP (A sub-committee of the Executive Committee)

- Recommended new Board members provide a brief biography; discussed process for soliciting it.
- Discussed whether committee Rules of Procedures must be amended for the Board to assign the committee new duties; recommended adding "and other duties as assigned by the Board" to all committee Rules of Procedures.
- Discussed the role of the Board and the role of the Executive Committee and how Executive Committees are structured at other regional planning commissions; requested staff develop ideas for how the Board might affirm its responsibility for financial activities if the Executive Committee retains work plan, budget, audit, and financial statement operational oversight.

- Discussed whether and how to highlight fiduciary responsibility to Board members. Will include “acceptance” of Committee Reports as a recommended discussion item in cover memo with the bylaw update recommendations.
- Discussed the responsible party for revisions to or drafting new committee Rules of Procedure (ROP). Recommending existing committees be responsible for recommending updates, and the Executive Committee be responsible for reviewing proposed updates drafted by committees and drafting ROPs for new committees for recommendation to the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (February - April; scheduled by Committee)

Did not meet

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE (4th Thursday, 4pm)

Did not meet.

REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEE (as needed; scheduled by Committee)

Did not meet.

MUNICIPAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (as needed; scheduled by Committee)

Did not meet. Next meeting is June 2, 2021 for the Plainfield Municipal Plan public hearing.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (4th Tuesday; 6:30 pm)

- Participated in a discussion and reviewed the I-89 2050 Corridor Study with staff from the CCRPC.
- Nominated new officers to be approved at the June meeting.
- Approved scoring of the regional proposed program of projects to be included in the VTrans capital program for 2023.

CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2nd Thursday, 4pm)

- Discussed neonic pesticides that have a variety of uses including on pre-treated seeds and for land application. Neonic pesticides can have detrimental effects to bee populations and other insects. The CWAC discussed research that shows possible impacts to water quality and aquatic habitats.
- Received information on FY22 appropriations for Clean Water funding, an update on the progress of water quality projects in the region, and results of the Lamoille Basin Plan outreach survey.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES (VAPDA)

Discussed:

- office reopening plans, including when staff will be returning, in-person meeting resumption, and experience with and best practice for hybrid meetings.
- filling vacant positions. Multiple RPCs with open positions report a minimal number of applicants.
- American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds and collaboration with VLCT.
- potential Legislative funding.
- RPC programs and FY22 discussions with State agencies that providing funding for those programs.

VERMONT ECONOMIC PROGRESS COUNCIL

No activities from Central Vermont.

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT

- Ross MacDonald from VTrans provided an update on transit service in Vermont, including potential services changes and post-pandemic restoration of some intercity transit service.
- Approved Strategic Goals, recognizing they are an ongoing work effort.
- Met with GMT's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion consultant, Talitha Consults.
- Held executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT

Received presentation from the Mad River Housing Coalition on the development and structure of a proposed Housing Trust Fund for the valley towns and request for input prior to sharing proposal with Selectboards.



MEMO

Date: June 8, 2021
 To: Board of Commissioners
 From: Christian Meyer, Senior Planner
 Re: Transportation Project Prioritization

Each year the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) submits a transportation capital program to the Legislature for consideration and approval. Transportation capital improvement projects must be included in the capital program to proceed to construction. RPCs and Transportation Advisory Committees participate in the ranking process. See “Background” for information about the process.

At its May 25, 2021 meeting, CVRPC’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) discussed the initial VPSP2 scoring and established the regional priorities as follows:

	Transportation Value	
Paving	Score	Ranking
Route 14 Barre-East Montpelier	66	1
Route 2 Montpelier-Marshfield	64	2
Route 100 Waitsfield-Moretown	56	3
Route 64 Northfield-Williamstown	54	4
Route 12 Worcester-Morristown	53	5
Route 25 Bradford-Orange	47	6
Route 110 Chelsea-Washington	47	6
Route 232 Peacham-Marshfield	42	8
Roadway	Score	Ranking
Route 2 Moretown-Middlesex	60	1
Route 14 Williamstown-Barre Town	60	1
Route 2 Middlesex-Montpelier	54	3
Traffic and Safety	Score	Ranking
Barre City-Barre Town	46	1
Berlin-Montpelier	44	2
Waitsfield VT100/VT17 Intersection	44	2

TAC members expressed concern regarding the lack of an equity category in the criteria. Staff has conveyed this to VTrans.

Background

To facilitate the development of a prioritized list of projects for the capital program each year, VTrans, in collaboration with the regional planning commissions and stakeholders across the state, has developed the VTrans Project Selection and Prioritization Process (VPSP2). This process is meant to improve transparency while promoting a performance based, data driven project selection process. The program of projects reviewed this spring were roadway paving projects, roadway rehabilitation or reconstruction projects, and traffic signal and safety projects. Bridges and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements will be considered in future years. The 2021 scoring process will inform the selection of projects for the 2023 capital program.

Projects enter the VPSP2 through one of two paths: (1) Road segments or corridors are identified for further consideration through the VTrans asset driven process, which focuses on the existing safety or roadway data, or (2) an RPC can propose a project for consideration. Municipalities work with their RPC to submit new regional priorities and complete the required qualifications workbook. In this round of project prioritization, thirteen of the projects reviewed came from the VTrans asset driven process and one project, Waitsfield VT100/VT17 Intersection, was submitted as a regional project.

Potential projects are examined for a number of characteristics, including safety, asset condition, mobility/connectivity, economic access, resiliency, environment, community, and health access. Of these criteria, the RPC provides input for mobility/connectivity, economic access, community, and health access. Points are awarded for each of these categories before being aggregated for a global transportation value (TV). CVRPC staff developed a preliminary ranked list of projects based on the TV. The TAC established the final ranking for submission to VTrans.

The final list of projects represents 150% of what VTrans expects to be able to fund for fiscal year 2023. Staff will continue to follow the capital program development and brief the TAC and Board on which regional projects are included in the final capital program.



State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint House Resolution

J.R.H. 6

Joint resolution relating to racism as a public health emergency

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Donnally of Hyde Park, Elder of Starksboro, Lippert of Hinesburg, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, and White of Hartford

Whereas, stark and persistent health inequities exist in the United States based on race and that are caused by systemic racism, and

Whereas, systemic racism is a principal social determinant of individual and public health, impacting economic, employment, education, housing, justice, and health opportunities and outcomes, all of which further adversely impact the health of People of Color, and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic is now exacerbating these inequities, and Black and Latino people in the United States have been nearly three times as likely to die, and

Whereas, these same inequities exist in Vermont, and during the pandemic, though Black residents comprise just over one percent of Vermont's population, they account for approximately 4.8 percent of the total confirmed COVID-19 cases as of December 16, 2020, and

Whereas, research and experience demonstrate that Vermont residents experience barriers to the equal enjoyment of good health based on race and ethnicity, and

Whereas, the incidence rate of COVID-19 for non-White Vermonters is 74.2 versus 26.2 for White Vermonters, and specifically the incidence rate for Black Vermonters is 225.7; the incidence rate for Asian Vermonters is 61; the incidence rate for Hispanic Vermonters is 41.7; and the incidence rate for other races is 20.5, and

Whereas, while there are not statistically significant differences in the rates of preexisting conditions, such as diabetes, lung disease, and cardiovascular disease, among White and non-White Vermonters, there are disparities in the rates of preexisting conditions among Vermonters testing positive for COVID-19, which suggests that non-White Vermonters are at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to their type of employment and living arrangements, and

Whereas, 36 percent of non-White Vermonters had household contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, as compared to only 20 percent of White Vermonters, and

Whereas, according to the Department of Health's 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System report, non-White Vermonters are: (1) statistically less likely to have a personal doctor; (2) statistically more likely to report poor mental health; (3) more than twice as likely to report rarely or never getting the necessary emotional and social support; (4) significantly more likely to have depression; (5) significantly more likely to have been worried about having enough food in the past year; and (6) significantly more likely to report no physical activity during leisure time, and

Whereas, non-white Vermonters are disproportionately represented in the total number of patients in the highest level of involuntary hospital beds in the State, comprising 15 percent of the patients admitted to the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital between May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020, and

Whereas, social determinants of health are underlying, contributing factors of the foregoing health inequities, and

Whereas, 21 percent of Black Vermonters own their own homes, while 72 percent of White Vermonters own their own homes, and nationally, 41 percent of Black Americans own their own homes, and

Whereas, the median household income of Black Vermonters is \$41,533.00 while the median household income of White Vermonters is \$58,244.00, and

Whereas, in 2018, 23.8 percent of Black Vermonters were living in poverty while 10.7 percent of White Vermonters lived in poverty, and 57 percent of Black Vermonters earned less than 80 percent of Vermont's median income while 43 percent of White Vermonters earned less than 80 percent of Vermont's median income, and

Whereas, about one in two non-White Vermonters experience "housing problems," which is defined as having homes that lack complete kitchen facilities or plumbing, having overcrowded homes, or paying more than 30 percent of household income towards rent, mortgage payments, and utilities, and

Whereas, Black Vermonters are overrepresented among Vermonters experiencing homelessness, in that they make up six percent of Vermonters experiencing homelessness, while making up approximately one percent of Vermont's population, now therefore be it


Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

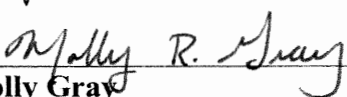
That racism constitutes a public health emergency in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That this legislative body commits to the sustained and deep work of eradicating systemic racism throughout the State, actively fighting racist practices, and participating in the creation of more just and equitable systems, and be it further


Resolved: That this legislative body commits to coordinating work and participating in ongoing action, grounded in science and data, to eliminate race-based health disparities and eradicate systemic racism, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, the League of Cities and Towns, all regional planning commissions, and the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance.


Jill Krowinski
Speaker of the House


Molly Gray
President of the Senate

Attested to:


Betsy Ann Wrask
Clerk, House of Representatives