



Weekly News Roundup February 18, 2022

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Upcoming Events

GMT Public Transit Service Change

GMT will be making a series of temporary service changes, beginning March 7, 2022, due to COVID-19 staffing levels. Meetings being held this week on the changes, with one remaining on Friday 2/18 @ 8:00 am. As part of these service changes, GMT will be removing four trips on the Montpelier LINK Express



- The schedule will be redesigned to provide approximately 45-minute service
- Service to Waterbury Park and Ride will remain

To join the virtual meetings, please see Zoom information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81611057352>

Meeting ID: 816 1105 7352

One tap mobile +13017158592,,81611057352# (to join by telephone)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81611057352>

Notice of Public Hearing

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2022 beginning at 4 pm via Zoom software. This hearing can be joined by computer at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87032993616?pwd=aC9WSDNUdVNTTmtTQU9pdmYycHNSdz09> or by phone at +1 301 715 8592, access code: 870 3299 3616.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval of the *2021 Roxbury Town Plan* and to confirm Roxbury's planning process under 24 VSA §4350; and to consider approval to the *2021 Amendment to the 2017 Cabot Town Plan* and to confirm Cabot's planning process under 24 VSA §4350.

Copies of the Roxbury Plan can be viewed at the Roxbury Town Office. Copies of the Cabot Plan can be viewed at the Cabot Town Office. Copies may also be viewed at the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT. Please call CVRPC ahead of time @ 802-229-0389 if you wish to schedule a time to view the plan(s) or email hoskins@cvregion.com.

Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) Meeting #1

February 23, 2022 | 5:00 pm

This is the first meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC). The REMC will meet quarterly to coordinate and support regional all-hazards emergency planning and preparedness activities to improve the region's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters. Please attend if you are a voting member (EMD or appointed emergency services representative from your municipality) or are interested in emergency planning and preparedness.

Meeting access information:

• Remote participation via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86285963295?pwd=UFRvMXNjMkxGZWcvRzFENkJGTTIBUT09>

• Dial in: 929 436 2866; Access code 862 8596 3295; Passcode: 129772

• Agenda:

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- REMC Overview
- REMC Organizational Tasks (elect interim positions, draft bylaws discussion)
- Discuss work priorities and meeting topic ideas
- VEM Updates

Please reach out to vinson@cvregion.com with any questions.

Community News

ARPA Final Rule Updates - CVRPC Assistance Available

You may be aware that US Treasury released the Final ARPA Rule on January 6, 2022 (overview [found here](#)) which guides the use of ARPA funds. It contains many changes, but the largest one is related to revenue loss.

The Final Rule allows municipalities to determine the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic *either* according to a formula or by claiming a standard allowance of up to \$10 million (for the entire performance period). VLCT analysis suggests this means municipalities can now claim their entire ARPA award as revenue loss and use it for the provision of government services.

Visit [this link](#) for a VLCT Rule Summary and Analysis of the Final Rule, including examples of provisions of government services.

Upcoming resources from VLCT:

- Additional guidance and best practices for accounting for your ARPA award in general ledgers.
- ARPA Advisory Committee Toolkit (Feb 2022)

We continue to encourage municipalities to pause, and take your time. With this expanded discretion on how ARPA funds can be spent, this is a great opportunity to seek community input and think strategically about project ideas. CVRPC is available to attend Selectboard meetings and assist with ARPA project prioritization, eligibility discussions, and community engagement and outreach. Contact us at cvrpc@cvregion.com.

Community Kitchen Academy Accepting Applications

CKA is Now Accepting Applications for a March Session in Barre and Burlington. CKA is a 7-week culinary job training program featuring:

- Hands on learning in a commercial kitchen from professional Chefs
- National ServSafe Certification
- Job placement support
- Tuition and financial assistance for income-eligible students
- Connection to community and resources!

BARRE: Joey Buttendorf: (802) 249-6058

jbuttendorf@capstonevt.org

Located at Capstone Community Action, 20 Gable Place, Barre

BURLINGTON: Jim Logan: 802-999-3186 jlogan@cvoeo.org

Located at Feeding Chittenden- 228 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT

APPLY ONLINE: www.vtfoodbank.org/cka



RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Request for Proposals

The Strategy Committee of the West Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development

Strategy (CEDS) is soliciting qualified firms to assist with engagement with traditionally underserved populations, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and low-income residents and communities. This consultant will have experience creating, scheduling, and conducting public outreach with numerous and diverse groups of stakeholders to assist with the creation of the CEDS. Find the RFP available [HERE](#). Responses are due no later than 5pm on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The West Central VT CEDS covers Central Vermont and Addison, Chittenden, and Rutland Counties.

AVCC's Annual Tiny Grants

These grants provide seed money and/or matching funds in the range of \$250 - \$600 for specific conservation projects at the local level, in the broad categories of land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning. Grant applications are due April 8, 2022 and are evaluated on demonstrated need, evidence of matching funds or in-kind services, closely aligning with grant goals, project readiness, and local support and volunteer involvement. To learn more, visit <http://vtconservation.com>

USDA Pilot Energy Program

The Department is making up to \$10 million available to help people living in rural towns develop community renewable energy projects that will help them cut their energy costs and contribute to the nationwide effort to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change. REPP grant funds can be used to support: community energy planning, capacity building, and technical assistance, community efficiency and weatherization, and installation and equipping of community-scale renewable energy technologies and systems. For more information: [CLICK HERE](#). Letter of Intent Due: On or before April 19, 2022. Submit Completed Applications: July 18, 2022

Proposals Requested for Transportation Planning Services and/or Studies

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is requesting proposals for transportation planning studies to be completed during the spring and summer of 2022. Help us make getting around easier, safer, and more convenient for everyone by contributing your ideas. Proposals are due **March 8, 2022**.

CVRPC will complete transportation special projects and studies using funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation's Transportation Planning Initiative. Project work will need to be completed between May and September 30, 2022, therefore limiting the scope of work that can be completed in this short time. Project estimates should not exceed \$30,000 without prior staff coordination. Inter-municipal and regional projects will be prioritized. These funds are meant to facilitate planning that will help shape future capital improvements; however, we are unable to fund construction directly.

For project suggestions, more details and an intake form, go to our website @ www.centralvtplanning.org Questions regarding the above can be directed to Senior Planner Christian Meyer- meyer@cvregion.com

Upcoming Meetings

CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings (see agendas on our [website](#) for details).

FEBRUARY

Feb 21 Office closed - Holiday

Feb 22 4 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee

Feb 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Feb 23 5 pm Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC)

Feb 28 4 pm Executive Committee (March meeting)

MARCH

Mar 3 4 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee Hearing

Mar 8 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners

Mar 9 2 pm Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities

March 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

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