



Weekly News Roundup March 25, 2022

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Upcoming Events

Vibrant Villages and Rural Economies

March 29, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Zoom)

How can small towns and local businesses compete in a changing economy? What would make rural Main Streets more livable, welcoming and inclusive public spaces? How can we help our local businesses recover and thrive throughout Covid-19?

Come explore what's going well and what's needed to create thriving rural communities in the 21st century. This interactive forum will use Bethel as a case study, but look at challenges and creative solutions common in rural communities around Vermont.

Register: [Vibrant Villages and Rural Economies — Bethel Accessibility Forum](https://bethelvtstrong.org/bethel-for-all-events/villageeconomy-forum) (<https://bethelvtstrong.org/bethel-for-all-events/villageeconomy-forum>)

Walk Audit Leader Trainings

March 30, 4:00-5:00/5:30 PM (in Bethel, location TBD)

Interested in hosting a walk audit in your town? Join this interactive training and learn how to use AARP's free (and newly updated!) walk audit toolkit. We'll go over how to organize walk audits, lead a group, and collect data on walkability and vibrant streets. The main training runs 4-5 PM. At the end of the training, we invite folks to stick around and do a quick trial walk around Bethel to get familiar with the process. Register: [Walk Audit Leader Training](https://bethelvtstrong.org/bethel-for-all-events/walk-audit-leader-training) (<https://bethelvtstrong.org/bethel-for-all-events/walk-audit-leader-training>)

ARPA Compliance & Reporting Webinar

April 5, 2022 - 12:30 pm

Learn more about Treasury's final rule and the changes it brings for how you can spend your ARPA award and report out on it. Your first report is due by April 30th! This session will include ample time for Q&A.

Speakers: Katie Buckley, Director, ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program, VLCT and Sarah Macy, Government Finance Specialist, VLCT. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Community News

Clean Water Advisory Committee Member Solicitation

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) oversees CVRPC's water quality planning program in accordance with CVRPC plans, policies, and procedures; acts as a liaison between local communities and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; and provides local and regional input regarding water quality issues important to the region. Click on the link above for more details about this Committee and the work it does. [More information and application forms here.](#)





Free Municipal Energy Consultations

Sign up for a free energy assessment for municipal buildings from Efficiency Vermont in partnership with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. During the consultation, an energy expert will work with town staff to identify and prioritize energy-saving opportunities in their buildings. The walk through does not compel the municipality to commit to improvements,

instead it provides information to help the town pinpoint ways to save money via improving energy efficiency and resilience, and reduce their carbon footprint in line with town goals.

Sign-up today! Efficiency Vermont is able to provide further assistance if desired including recommending contractors and maximizing town rebates for any projects identified in the walk-through. Please email Lash@cvregion.com with questions or requests for assistance.

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines



Request for Proposals – Route 12 Crosswalk Siting and Signaling, Northfield Falls

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is soliciting proposals for the completion of a Feasibility Study. This study includes assessing the feasibility and developing concept plans for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) protected crosswalk on the Route 12 corridor at the intersection of Gould Road and Cox Brook Road and Route 12 in Northfield, Vermont.

Full RFP available here.

Questions are due by April 6, 2022. Please send to meyer@cvregion.com. Responses will be posted on the website on April 8, 2022.

Proposals are due April 13, 2022, 2PM and must be submitted electronically to meyer@cvregion.com

Request for Proposals – Town of Orange Capital Improvement Plan

The Town of Orange is seeking Consulting Engineering Services for the Development of a Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP is intended to be a multi-year plan that identifies each proposed municipal capital improvement, the source of funding, the cost, and cash flow information. The CIP will be prepared using an open process, providing opportunity for residents, and municipal departments, and organizations to propose and comment on capital improvements and priorities.

Full RFP available here.

Questions are due by April 4, 2022. Please send to meyer@cvregion.com. Responses will be posted on the website as questions are received.

Proposals are due April 12, 2022, 4PM and must be submitted electronically to meyer@cvregion.com

Upcoming Meetings

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

APRIL

- Apr 4 4 pm Executive Committee
 - Apr 6 5 pm Nominating Committee
 - Apr 12 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners
 - Apr 13 5 pm Nominating Committee
 - Apr 18 6 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee
 - Apr 19 6 pm Nominating Committee
 - Apr 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Apr 27 5 pm Nominating Committee
 - Apr 28 4 pm Project Review Committee
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