



MEMO

Date: June 3, 2022
 To: Municipal Plan Review Committee
 CC: Michael Gray, Woodbury Planning Commission Chair
 From: Blaine Hoskins, Assistant Planner
 Re: Woodbury Municipal Plan Review for Regional Approval, Confirmation of Planning Process, and Determination of Energy Compliance

- ☒ **ACTION REQUESTED:** At the meeting the Committee will hold a public hearing on the *Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, VT* Following the hearing the Committee will be tasked with making **three** recommendations to the Board of Commissioners:
- a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a); and
 - b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b);
 - c) affirmative Determination of Energy Compliance per 24 V.S.A. §4352.

Background

Aril 8, 2014	CVRPC Board regionally approves 2014 Woodbury Town Plan and confirms Town planning process.
April 9, 2019	Woodbury Town Plan expires.
Sept 2021	CVRPC under contract to work with town to update plan. Clare Rock, Senior Planner works closely with PC to re-write the plan.
April 16, 2022	Selectboard holds public hearing on <i>Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, VT</i> .
April 25, 2022	Selectboard adopts final Plan.
May 3, 2022	Woodbury requests approval by CVRPC and submits final plan adopted by Selectboard.
May 13, 2022	CVRPC Hearing Notice is distributed and appeared in the paper on May 17, 2022.
June 7, 2022	CVRPC Municipal Plan Review Committee (MPRC) scheduled to hold public hearing.

June 14, 2022 CVRPC Board scheduled to vote upon MPRC recommendation.

Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, Vermont

To view the plan, please visit: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021-Woodbury-Town-Plan-and-Enhanced-Energy-Plan-Final-as-Adopted.pdf> . If you would prefer hard copies of the Plan, please contact Nancy Chartrand chartrand@cvregion.com

The Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, Vermont is a re-write of the previous 2003 Woodbury Town Municipal Plan. Former CVRPC planner Zach Maia worked with the town in early 2021 to complete the enhanced energy plan. Information from this document was integrated into the new energy section and the bulk of the enhanced energy plan was included in the Plan's appendix. Clare Rock worked with the town to re-write the chapters, integrate new information. A new Implementation Program was included to clearly outline the plans' goals, strategies and actions.

Staff Review

Former staff planner Grace Vinson reviewed the draft plan for statutory requirements, the plan approval checklists were updated by Assistant Planner Blaine Hoskins.

CVRPC staff reviewed the Municipal Plan for following items:

a) confirmation of the planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a);

- is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan which is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title; and
- is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

Staff findings: Staff finds the Town of Woodbury to be engaged in a continuing planning process and is maintaining its efforts to provided funds for planning purposes.

b) approval of the municipal plan per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b);

- consistency with the State goals established in section §4302

Staff findings: Staff finds the plan to be consistent with the State Goals

compatibly with its regional plan

Staff findings: staff finds the plan to be compatible with the regional plan.

compatibly with approved plans of other municipalities in the region

Staff findings: staff finds the plan to be compatible with approved plans of other municipalities.

containing all the elements included in section § 4382

Staff findings and recommendation: staff finds the plan to contain all of the required elements

c) c) Issuance of an affirmative Determination of Energy Compliance per 24 V.S.A. § 4352;

- in the case of a municipal plan, include an energy element that has the same components as described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3) of this title for a regional plan and be confirmed under section 4350 of this title;

Staff findings: Staff finds the Woodbury 2021 Town Plan contains an energy element as described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3)..

- be consistent with the following, with consistency determined in the manner described under subdivision 4302(f)(1) of this title:

- (A) Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
- (B) Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
- (C) Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
- (D) State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b; and
- (E) the distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005;

Staff findings and recommendations: Staff finds that the Woodbury 2021 Town Plan is consistent with the goals and policies in subdivision 4302(f)(1)(A) through (E) above.

- meet the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans.

Staff findings and recommendations: Staff finds that the Woodbury 2021 Town Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance.

References:

To review the Municipal Plan Review Tool see

To review the Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans checklist see...

To view the Central Vermont Regional Plan visit: <http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2016-Central-Vermont-Regional-Plan-ADOPTED-06.12.2018->

[Reduced.pdf](#)

To view Title 24 Chapter 117: Municipal and Regional Planning and Development statutory requirements in their entirety please visit: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/24>



MUNICIPAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 07, 2022 at 5:00-6:30 pm

Remote Participation via Zoom: Join via computer, tablet or smartphone:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85067524308?pwd=hvdlwRyjkZK_c_vMQ2rF54jm7p8zC4.1

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Meeting ID: 850 6752 4308 Passcode: 153374

pg	AGENDA
	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting will be called to order and may include introductions.
	<u>CHANGES TO THE AGENDA</u> The Committee may identify and discuss any changes to the agenda.
	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> Time will be provided for members of the public to speak about items not on the agenda.
	<u>PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF VISION FOR THE FUTURE 2021 TOWN PLAN WOODBURY, VT AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS</u> As requested by the Town of Woodbury the Municipal Plan Review Committee will open a public hearing to receive public comments on Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, VT.
2-39	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CVRPC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:</u> <u>a. APPROVAL OF VISION FOR THE FUTURE 2021 TOWN PLAN WOODBURY, VT</u> <u>b. CONFIRMATION OF THE TOWN OF WOODBURY'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS</u> <u>c. DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE</u> At the close of the public hearing, the Municipal Plan Review Committee will consider three recommendations to the Board of Commissioners: a) approval of <i>Vision for the Future 2021 Town Plan Woodbury, VT</i> per 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b); b) confirmation of the Town of Woodbury's planning process under 24 VSA §4350(a); and c) issuance of a determination of energy compliance as per 24 V.S.A. §4352.
40-42	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Draft minutes from the January 20, 2022 Municipal Plan Review Committee are included for consideration of approval.
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> If there is no additional business the Committee should consider a motion to adjourn.

Municipal Plan Review Tool

Municipality: Woodbury	Plan date: 9/17/21, reviewed on 06/2/2022	Staff: G. Vinson, reviewed by B. Hoskins	Date: 09/23/21, reviewed on 6/2/2022
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This form addresses the statutory requirements of the State of Vermont for town plans, as cited in the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, Title 24 V.S.A Chapter 117 (the Act). It includes the 12 required elements found in § 4382 of the Act; the four planning process goals found in § 4302(b), the 14 specific goals found in § 4302(c); and the standard of review found in § 4302(f), which covers consistency with goals and compatibility standards.

FYI:

Act 171 Requirements (Forest Integrity): required for plans adopted after Jan 1, 2018

Act 174 Requirements (Energy)

CVRPC Housing Distrib. Requirements: **removed**

Nov 2020

During the Regional approval and confirmation process, specified in § 4350 of the Act, the regional planning commission is required to assess town plans and the process whereby they are developed according to the criteria of the Act. Sections of relevant statute are quoted at each question.

Required Elements § 4382		Met	Not Met
1	Statement of Objectives, Policies, Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Land Use Plan and Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Transportation Plan and Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Utility and Facility Plan and Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Rare Natural Resources/Historic Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Educational Facilities Plan and Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Implementation Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Compatibility Statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Energy Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Housing Element	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Economic Development Element	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Flood Resiliency Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Planning Goals § 4302		Met	Not Met
1	Compact village centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Natural and Historic Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Quality of air, water, wildlife, and land resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Efficient use of Energy and Renewable Energy Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Agriculture and Forest Industries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Use of Resources and Earth Extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Safe and Affordable Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Public Facilities and services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Child Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Flood Resiliency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MUNICIPAL PLAN REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Title 24 Chapter 117: Municipal and Regional Planning and Development 24 V.S.A. § 4382. The plan for a municipality

(a) A plan for a municipality may be consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of this title and compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region and with the regional plan and shall include the following:

(1) A statement of objectives, policies and programs of the municipality to guide the future growth and development of land, public services and facilities, and to protect the environment.

Pages: 2-3, 17, 20, 21, 26, 28, 32, 40, 46, 48, 50, 57-69

Comments:

- Overall goals/priority actions: p 2-3
- Objectives and actions table: p 57 to 69
- Natural features/ecological systems goal: p 17
- Working lands goal: p 19
- Scenic areas goal: p 20
- Outdoor recreation goal: p 21
- Historic/cultural resources goal: p 26
- Housing goal: p 28
- Local economy/community development goal: p 32
- Transportation goal: p 40
- Local/regional services and facilities goal: p 46
- Telecommunications/broadband goal: p 48
- Energy goal: p 50
- Table of implementation goals and actions on pg. 57-69

Choose an item.

Pages: 55, 51-55

MAPS

Land Use Plan ✓

(2) A land use plan, which shall consist of a map and statement of present and prospective land uses, that:

(A) Indicates those areas proposed for forests, recreation, agriculture (using the agricultural lands identification process established in 6 V.S.A. § 8), residence, commerce, industry, public, and semi-public uses, and open spaces, areas reserved for flood plain, and areas identified by the State, the regional planning commission, or the municipality that require special consideration for aquifer protection; for wetland protection; for the maintenance of forest blocks, wildlife habitat, and habitat connectors; or for other conservation purposes.

(B) Sets forth the present and prospective location, amount, intensity, and character of such land uses and the appropriate timing or sequence of land development activities in relation to the provision of necessary community facilities and service.

(C) Identifies those areas, if any, proposed for designation under chapter 76A of this title, together with, for each area proposed for designation, an explanation of how the designation would further the plan's goals and the goals of section 4302 of this title, and how the area meets the requirements for the type of designation to be sought.

(D) Indicates those areas that are important as forest blocks and habitat connectors and plans for land development in those areas to minimize forest fragmentation and promote the health, viability, and ecological function of forests. A plan may include specific policies to encourage the active management of those areas for wildlife habitat, water quality, timber production, recreation, or other values or functions identified by the municipality.

Comments:

- See future land use map (p.55) and descriptions of land use areas (Future Land Use section (p 52-55) and Current Land Use and Existing Zoning Regulations (p 51-52)
- See Future Land Use section (p 52-55) for discussion of implications of further development on each zoning district.

(3) A transportation plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective transportation and circulation facilities showing existing and proposed highways and streets by type and character of improvement, and where pertinent, parking facilities, transit routes, terminals, bicycle paths and trails, scenic roads, airports, railroads and port facilities, and other similar facilities or uses, with indications of priority of need;

Choose an item. Pages: 33-40 MAP Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

- Transportation section references map and provides overview of all transportation considerations in Woodbury
- Map on p 39
- Discusses Route 14 as important corridor, especially in Village center
- Section starts w/ overview of evolution of transportation in Woodbury, overview of commuting patterns, discussion of public transit options, lack of bike/pedestrian infrastructure, streetscaping opportunities, and current conditions and projections for traffic. Includes discussion of road maintenance and conditions.
- Discusses issues and opportunities. Issues include lack of multi-modal accommodations (pedestrian, bike, park and ride). Opportunities include streetscaping including pedestrian link b/t school and forest, using TRPT tool to build resilience, and using bridge/culvert inventories to help direct local maintenance and repair

(4) A utility and facility plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective community facilities and public utilities showing existing and proposed educational, recreational and other public sites, buildings and facilities, including hospitals, libraries, power generating plants and transmission lines, water supply, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, storm drainage and other similar facilities and activities, and recommendations to

Choose an item. Pages: 34-48 MAP Utility and Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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meet future needs for community facilities and services, with indications of priority of need, costs and method of financing;

Comments:

- Chapter includes discussion of Town Hall, cemeteries, school, library, Town Forest, highway garage, public safety and emergency management, water supply and wastewater treatment, stormwater treatment, solid waste program, and health and human services
- Includes discussion of need for new fire station,
- General tone is encouraging maintenance of town-owned facilities while seeking opportunities to make improvements (new roof for Town Hall, Fire Station for example)

(5) A statement of policies on the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas, scenic and historic features and resources;

Choose an item.

Pages: 10-22, 22-26, 57-60

Comments:

- Natural Setting section provides overview of natural resources, with discussion of natural features and ecological systems (p 10-17, discusses topography, soils, watershed, forest, surface waters, wetlands, ground water, water quality), working lands (p 17-19), scenic areas (p. 19), outdoor recreation (p 20-21)
- Section identifies forest and surface waters/riparian areas as holding rich ecological value
- Scenic Areas identifies Nichols Ledge and Woodbury range as scenic resources (p. 19)
- Page 22-26 discusses historic and cultural resources including Elementary School and Town Hall
- Goals and objectives for natural setting: p 57-60

(6) An educational facilities plan consisting of a map and statement of present and projected uses and the local public school system;

Choose an item.

Pages:30, 41-42

MAP

Educational Facility

Comments:

- P 41-42 provides overview of Elementary School (PK-6 grade)
- P 30 discusses Woodbury as component of Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union, high school and higher education available in neighboring communities
- Plan discusses stable enrollment at Elementary School and that present space is adequate for next several years

(7) A recommended program for the implementation of the objectives of the development plan;

Choose an item.

Pages: 57-60, 60-61, 61, 62-63, 63-64, 65-66, 66-68, 8-69

Comments:

- Discussion of implementation present
- Includes:
 - Natural setting (natural features and ecological systems, working lands, scenic areas, outdoor recreation)-p 57-60
 - Historic/cultural resources: p 60-61

- Housing: p 61
- Local economy: p 62-63
- Community development: p 63-64
- Transportation: p 65-66
- Municipal/regional facilities and services: p 66-68
- Telecommunications and broadband: 68-69
- Energy: p 69

(8) A statement indicating how the plan relates to development trends and plans of adjacent municipalities, areas and the region developed under this title;

Choose an item.
Pages: 29-30, 33-40

Comments:

- P 30 discusses West Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) under development
- Transportation section (p 33-40) explains importance of US Route 14 as regional corridor
- Local economy/community development (p 29-30) discusses importance of childcare centers in neighboring towns as integral to high quality early education

(9) An energy plan, including an analysis of energy resources, needs, scarcities, costs and problems within the municipality, a statement of policy on the conservation of energy, including programs, such as thermal integrity standards for buildings, to implement that policy, a statement of policy on the development of renewable energy resources, a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy;

Choose an item.
Pages: 48-50, 70-114

Comments:

- Plan includes energy section (p 48-50), which discusses thermal energy, transportation, electricity, energy efficiency
- Enhanced energy plan in Appendix

If a municipality is seeking a *Determination of Energy Compliance* under Act 174, see standards contained within RPC PUC Municipal Determination Standards checklist.

(10) A housing element that shall include a recommended program for addressing low and moderate income persons' housing needs as identified by the regional planning commission pursuant to subdivision 4348a(a)(9) of this title. The program should account for permitted accessory dwelling units, as defined in subdivision 4412(1)(E) of this title, which provide affordable housing.

Choose an item.
Pages: 26-28, 61

Comments:

- Housing section notes large number of seasonal units and strong summer lake community
- Discusses affordable housing- majority of residents are able to afford to live in Woodbury and are not cost-burden, no affordable rental housing units for low income families
- Discusses lack of multifamily housing as barrier to affordable housing/those wishing to live alone/downsize, zoning regulations inhibit multifamily housing
- Housing goals and objectives (p 61) include undertaking housing needs assessment to identify specific gaps, incentivizing development (revise Zoning to allow for multi-unit developments, eliminate barriers to accessory structures)

(11) An economic development element that describes present economic conditions and the location, type, and scale of desired economic development, and identifies policies, projects, and programs necessary to foster economic growth.

Choose an item.
Pages: 28-32

Comments:

- Local Economy and Community Development section p 28-32
- Outlines mission, priority businesses for area, and objectives of economic development in Woodbury.
- Most residents (80%) work out of town; management, business, science and arts sector employs 40% of residents, and median income is greater than County or state medians
- Pg. 29 references resident support for more development such as general store, restaurant, café and limitations from lack of water/wastewater capacity and lack of consistent high speed internet
- Community development goal to increase vitality of Village centers to benefit community and attract new residents
- Pg. 31- 32 references CEDS as opportunity

(12)(A) A flood resilience plan that:

(i) identifies flood hazard and fluvial erosion hazard areas, based on river corridor maps provided by the Secretary of Natural Resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1428(a) or maps recommended by the Secretary, and designates those areas to be protected, including floodplains, river corridors, land adjacent to streams, wetlands, and upland forests, to reduce the risk of flood damage to infrastructure and improved property; and

(ii) recommends policies and strategies to protect the areas identified and designated under subdivision (12)(A)(i) of this subsection and to mitigate risks to public safety, critical infrastructure, historic structures, and municipal investments.

(B) A flood resilience plan may reference an existing local hazard mitigation plan approved under 44 C.F.R. § 201.6.

Choose an item.
Pages: 14-16, 38, 45

Comments:

- Surface Waters section (p 14-16) discusses flood hazard areas- primarily located around Nelson Pond, Woodbury Lake. Also discusses previous flash flooding/fluviial erosion in smaller tributary streams
- Discusses buy out of Woodbury Store and process to restore streambank and floodplain, references existing LHMP (p 15)
- Surface Waters section also discusses importance of river corridors and riparian areas (p 16)
- Transportation section (p 38) discusses stormwater runoff and management and importance of maintaining water quality
- Stormwater Management (P 45) discusses Stormwater Management Plan, and four stormwater projects under development
- Wetlands discussed p 14-15

(b) The maps called for by this section may be incorporated on one or more maps, and may be referred to in each separate statement called for by this section.

(c) Where appropriate, and to further the purposes of subsection 4302(b) of this title, a municipal plan shall be based upon inventories, studies, and analyses of current trends and shall consider the probable social and economic consequences of the proposed plan. Such studies may consider or contain, but not be limited to:

- (1) population characteristics and distribution, including income and employment;**
- (2) the existing and projected housing needs by amount, type, and location for all economic groups within the municipality and the region;**
- (3) existing and estimated patterns and rates of growth in the various land use classifications, and desired patterns and rates of growth in terms of the community's ability to finance and provide public facilities and services.**

GOALS AND STANDARDS OF REVIEW

GOALS

24 VSA § 4302

(a) General purposes . . .

(b) It is also the intent of the legislature that municipalities, regional planning commissions and state agencies shall engage in a continuing planning process that will further the following goals:

- (1) To establish a coordinated, comprehensive planning process and policy framework to guide decisions by municipalities, regional planning commissions, and state agencies.
- (2) To encourage citizen participation at all levels of the planning process, and to assure that decisions shall be made at the most local level possible commensurate with their impact.

(3) To consider the use of resources and the consequences of growth and development for the region and the state, as well as the community in which it takes place.

(4) To encourage and assist municipalities to work creatively together to develop and implement plans.

(c) In addition, this chapter shall be used to further the following specific goals:

Goal 1:

To plan development so as to maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.

Choose an item.

Pages: 52, 45, 61

(A) Intensive residential development should be encouraged primarily in areas related to community centers, and strip development along highways should be discouraged.

(B) Economic growth should be encouraged in locally designated growth areas, or employed to revitalize existing village and urban centers, or both.

(C) Public investments, including construction or expansion of infrastructure, should reinforce the general character and planned growth patterns of the area.

(D) Development should be undertaken in accordance with smart growth principles as defined in subdivision 2791(13) of this title.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal:

- A. Future Land use encourages future residential development in center village district and south village district to preserve historic settlement patterns.
- B. Future Land Use section notes that Village Center designation will be sought for Center Village District and South Village District to direct historic preservation and community development. Additionally, section notes municipal infrastructure investments and increasing bicycle/pedestrian amenities will be prioritized for this area.
- C. Future Land Use section notes municipal infrastructure investments will be prioritized for Village Areas. Local and Regional Services & Facilities section recommends town identify public water/wastewater infrastructure improvements needed for future infill development.
- D. Housing objectives and actions include: incentivize housing development to fill market gaps, especially for lower income residents, and revise Zoning Ordinance to allow for multi-unit dwellings and eliminate barriers to accessory structures.

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 2:

To provide a strong and diverse economy that provides satisfying and rewarding job opportunities and that maintains high environmental standards, and to expand economic opportunities in areas with high unemployment or low per capita incomes.

Choose an item.
Pages: 29-32, 62

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal:

- Pg. 29 references resident support for more development such as general store, restaurant, café
- Pg. 31- 32 references CEDS as opportunity
- Local Economy objectives include: increase vitality of Village centers to benefit community and attract new residents; encouraging/supporting home-based businesses and workers; facilitating creation of childcare facility; and strengthening high-speed internet connections to all homes and businesses

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 3:

To broaden access to educational and vocational training opportunities sufficient to ensure the full realization of the abilities of all Vermonters.

Choose an item.
Pages: 30, 62

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- P 30 notes Woodbury Elementary School as valuable and essential community asset; high school and higher education available in neighboring communities
- Plan discusses stable enrollment at Elementary School
- Local Economy objectives include facilitating creation of childcare facility

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 4:

To provide for safe, convenient, economic and energy efficient transportation systems that respect the integrity of the natural environment, including public transit options and paths for pedestrians and bicyclers.

Choose an item.
Pages: 34, 65

(A) Highways, air, rail and other means of transportation should be mutually supportive, balanced and integrated.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Plan has recommendations for establishing bike/pedestrian facilities in Village Centers and connecting to other locations in town, improving public transit options
- Transportation section notes opportunities such as: streetscaping including pedestrian link b/t school and forest, using TRPT tool to build resilience, and using bridge/culvert inventories to help direct local maintenance and repair

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 5:

To identify, protect and preserve important natural and historic features of the Vermont landscape including:

- (A) significant natural and fragile areas;**
- (B) outstanding water resources, including lakes, rivers, aquifers, shorelands and wetlands;**
- (C) significant scenic roads, waterways and views;**
- (D) important historic structures, sites, or districts, archaeological sites and archaeologically sensitive areas**

Choose an item.

Pages: 10-17, 14, 19, 22-26, 27

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- A. P 10-17, discusses topography, soils, forest. Section notes that Woodbury is 86% forested and provides crucial habitat; residents highly value forest resources; section notes forests have been identified as Highest Priority Interior Forest Blocks.
- B. Surface waters (lakes, rivers, wetlands, etc.) discussed on p. 14 and notes riparian/surface waters hold great ecological value
- C. Scenic vistas discussed on p. 19- identifies Nichols Ledge and Woodbury range as scenic resources. Lakes, ponds, wetlands noted to have great historic/cultural value to residents mentioned on p. 27.
- D. Page 22-26 discusses historic and cultural resources including cemeteries, Elementary School and Town Hall

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 6:

To maintain and improve the quality of air, water, wildlife and land resources.

(A) Vermont's air, water, wildlife, mineral, and land resources should be planned for use and development according to the principles set forth in 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a).

(B) Vermont's water quality should be maintained and improved according to the policies and actions developed in the basin plans established by the Secretary of Natural Resources under 10 V.S.A. § 1253.

Choose an item.

Pages: 11, 13, 14-16, 18

(C) Vermont's forestlands should be managed so as to maintain and improve forest blocks and habitat connectors

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- A. Air quality and importance of forests for air purification noted on p 11, mineral resources discussed on p.18 , and land resources discussed on p. 18. Water quality is discussed on p. 16 (groundwater) and p. 15-16 (surface waters). Natural settings section notes importance of forest resources and value of forest cover to provide wildlife habitat (p 13)
- B. Natural Settings section (p 14) identifies forest and surface waters/riparian areas as holding rich ecological value
- C. Forest and habitat discussed on p. 23-25

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 7:

To encourage the efficient use of energy and the development of renewable energy resources.

(A) General strategies for achieving these goals include increasing the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings; identifying areas suitable for renewable energy generation; encouraging the use and development of renewable or lower emission energy sources for electricity, heat, and transportation; and reducing transportation energy demand and single occupancy vehicle use.

(B) Specific strategies and recommendations for achieving these goals are identified in the State energy plans prepared under 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Plan includes energy section (p 48 to 50) which discusses thermal energy, transportation, electricity, energy efficiency
- Enhanced energy plan contained in Appendices (p 70-114)

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 8:

To maintain and enhance recreational opportunities for Vermont residents and visitors.

(A) Growth should not significantly diminish the value and availability of outdoor recreational activities.

Choose an item.
Pages: 48-50, 70-114

Choose an item.
Pages: 20-21, 59-60

(B) Public access to noncommercial outdoor recreational opportunities, such as lakes and hiking trails, should be identified, provided, and protected wherever appropriate.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Recreation section discusses opportunities identified in Town Forest Recreation plan- rehab sections of existing trail and build new interconnected trail loop), and identifies opportunities for public beach/swimming area
- Recreation objectives and actions include: expand hiking/biking/skiing/snowshoeing/off road motorsport opportunities, establish town beach, maintain and improve town recreation facilities

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 9:

To encourage and strengthen agricultural and forest industries.

(A) Strategies to protect long-term viability of agricultural and forest lands should be encouraged and should include maintaining low overall density.

(B) The manufacture and marketing of value added agricultural and forest products should be encouraged.

(C) The use of locally-grown food products should be encouraged.

(D) Sound forest and agricultural management practices should be encouraged.

(E) Public investment should be planned so as to minimize development pressure on agricultural and forest land.

Choose an item.

Pages: 11-14, 18-19, 57, 58

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Forest section discusses importance of maintaining and protecting intact, contiguous forest blocks and habitat connectivity (p 11-14)
- Working Lands section (p 18-19) discusses importance of forest resources for lumber/cord wood resources, notes that 56% of land is enrolled in Current use.
- Working Lands Goal to “support and protect agriculture and forestry based businesses and activities.”
- See above.
- Natural Settings goal to “maintain and improve ecological integrity of Highest Priority Interior forest blocks and the habitat connectors between them by minimizing fragmentation and improving management”

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 10:

To provide for the wise and efficient use of Vermont's natural resources and to facilitate the appropriate extraction of earth resources and the proper restoration and preservation of the aesthetic qualities of the area.

Choose an item.
Pages: 18-19, 58

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Working Lands section (p19) notes Swenson Granite Company quarry continues to operate and recently expanded, notes permitting for future extraction should avoid land use conflicts and environmental damage
- Working Lands goal to “support the siting, expansion, operation and reclamation of resource extraction activities that minimizes adverse impact to neighbor properties and municipal infrastructure. “

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 11:

To ensure the availability of safe and affordable housing for all Vermonters.

Choose an item.
Pages: 61

(A) Housing should be encouraged to meet the needs of a diversity of social and income groups in each Vermont community, particularly for those citizens of low and moderate income.

(B) New and rehabilitated housing should be safe, sanitary, located conveniently to employment and commercial centers, and coordinated with the provision of necessary public facilities and utilities.

(C) Sites for multi-family and manufactured housing should readily available in locations similar to those generally used for single-family conventional dwellings.

(D) Accessory apartments within or attached to single family residences which provide affordable housing in close proximity to cost-effective care and supervision for relatives or disabled or elderly persons should be allowed.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- A. Housing action to: 1) undertake housing needs assessment to identify housing gaps, incentivize housing development to fill market gaps, especially for lower income residents

- B. Housing action to revise Zoning Ordinance to allow for multi-unit dwellings to be built or created in existing structures, in the villages and other areas
- A. Housing action to revise Zoning to allow for multi-unit developments, eliminate barriers to accessory structures

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 12:

To plan for, finance and provide an efficient system of public facilities and services to meet future needs.

Choose an item.
Pages: 40-48

(A) Public facilities and services should include fire and police protection, emergency medical services, schools, water supply and sewage and solid waste disposal.

(B) The rate of growth should not exceed the ability of the community and the area to provide facilities and services.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- A. Public facilities (water, wastewater, solid waste, fire rescue, police, and emergency shelters, broadband) discussed on p 40-48.
- B. Section notes that new Fire Station and additional fire hydrants would benefit town.

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

Goal 13:

To ensure the availability of safe and affordable child care and to integrate child care issues into the planning process, including child care financing, infrastructure, business assistance for child care providers, and child care work force development.

Choose an item.
Pages: 62

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal :

- Local Economy objectives include facilitating creation of childcare facility

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why:

Goal 14:

To encourage flood resilient communities.

(A) New development in identified flood hazard, fluvial erosion, and river corridor protection areas should be avoided. If new development is to be built in such areas, it should not exacerbate flooding and fluvial erosion.

Choose an item.
Pages: 14-16, 38, 45, 67

(B) The protection and restoration of floodplains and upland forested areas that attenuate and moderate flooding and fluvial erosion should be encouraged.

(C) Flood emergency preparedness and response planning should be encouraged.

How has the Town Plan addressed this goal:

- A. Surface Waters section (p 14-16) discusses flood hazard areas- primarily located around Nelson Pond, Woodbury Lake. Also discusses previous flash flooding/fluvial erosion in smaller tributary streams. Also discusses importance of river corridors and riparian areas (p 16)
- B. Transportation section (p 38) discusses stormwater runoff and management and importance of maintaining water quality. Stormwater Management (P 45) discusses Stormwater Management Plan, and four stormwater projects under development. Pg. 15 discusses buy-out of Woodbury store and process to restore streambank and floodplain.
- C. LHMP mentioned on p 15. Goal to Maintain the LHMP and implement actions (p67)

If the goal is not relevant or attainable, how does the plan address why :

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24 V.S.A. § 4302(f)

(1) As used in this chapter, "consistent with the goals" requires substantial progress toward attainment of the goals established in this section, unless the planning body determines that a particular goal is not relevant or attainable. If such a determination is made, the planning body shall identify the goal in the plan and describe the situation, explain why the goal is not relevant or attainable, and indicate what measures should be taken to mitigate any adverse effects of not making substantial progress toward that goal. The determination of relevance or attainability shall be subject to review as part of a consistency determination under this chapter.

(2) As used in this chapter, for one plan to be "compatible with" another, the plan in question, as implemented, will not significantly reduce the desired effect of the implementation of the other plan. If a plan, as implemented, will significantly reduce the desired effect of the other plan, the plan may be considered compatible if it includes the following:

- (A) a statement that identifies the ways that it will significantly reduce the desired effect of the other plan;
- (B) an explanation of why any incompatible portion of the plan in question is essential to the desired effect of the plan as a whole;
- (C) an explanation of why, with respect to any incompatible portion of the plan in question, there is no reasonable alternative way to achieve the desired effect of the plan, and
- (D) an explanation of how any incompatible portion of the plan in question has been structured to mitigate its detrimental effects on the implementation of the other plan.

24 V.S.A. § 4350. Review and consultation regarding municipal planning effort

(a) A regional planning commission shall consult with its municipalities with respect to the municipalities' planning efforts, ascertaining the municipalities' needs as individual municipalities and as neighbors in a region, and identifying the assistance that ought to be provided by the regional planning commission. As a part of this consultation, the regional planning commission, after public notice, shall review the planning process of its member municipalities at least twice during an eight-year period, or more frequently on request of the municipality, and shall so confirm when a municipality:

- (1) is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan which is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title; and
- (2) is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

(b)(1) As part of the consultation process, the commission shall consider whether a municipality has adopted a plan. In order to obtain or retain confirmation of the planning process after January 1, 1996, a municipality must have an approved plan. A regional planning commission shall review and approve

plans of its member municipalities, when approval is requested and warranted. Each review shall include a public hearing which is noticed at least 15 days in advance by posting in the office of the municipal clerk and at least one public place within the municipality and by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of general publication in the region affected. The commission shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan:

- (A) is consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of this title;
- (B) is compatible with its regional plan;
- (C) is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; and
- (D) contains all the elements included in subdivisions 4382(a)(1)-(10) of this title.

The following are procedures for Regional Planning Commission review of town plans. The first procedure pertains to review of town plan re-adoptions and town plan amendments. The second is an alternate procedure for review of town plan amendments. For review of amendments, it is up to the discretion of the Regional Planning Commission as to which procedure will be used.

Town Plan Review & Approval Process

The following may be used for town plan re-adoption reviews as well as town plan amendment reviews

1. The regional planning commission (RPC) receives a request for town plan approval.
2. If the staff review reveals a flaw that would preclude RPC approval, the town will be notified. It is the town's option as to whether they want a final decision on the plan or if the plan should be withdrawn from the approval process.
3. Staff comments, including draft findings and recommendations, will be provided to the committee or board given responsibility by the RPC's bylaws for town plan approval.
4. The RPC's public hearing will be held before the RPC makes its final decision on the plan.
5. In all cases the RPC will take final action on the plan approval request within 60 days of its receipt.

Town Plan Amendment Review Process

This is an alternative procedure for town plan amendment reviews

1. The regional planning commission (RPC) receives a request to review an amendment to the town plan.
2. Staff comments, including draft findings and recommendations, will be provided to the committee or board given responsibility by the RPC's bylaws for town plan approval.
3. The town will be notified whether or not the amendment may be approved within the context of the current regional approval of the town plan, or if the amendment constitutes a material change to the plan that is beyond the scope of the current regional approval.

4. If the amendment constitutes a change to the plan that is beyond the scope of the current regional approval, the town will be given the option of submitting the amended plan for regional approval.

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Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans

Instructions

Before proceeding, please review the requirements of Parts I and II below, as well as the Overview document. Submitting a Municipal Plan for review under the standards below is entirely voluntary, as enabled under [Act 174](#), the Energy Development Improvement Act of 2016. If a Municipal Plan meets the standards, it will be given an affirmative “determination of energy compliance,” and will be given “substantial deference” in the Public Service Board’s review of whether an energy project meets the orderly development criterion in the Section 248 process. Specifically, with respect to an in-state electric generation facility, the Board:

[S]hall give substantial deference to the land conservation measures and specific policies contained in a duly adopted regional and municipal plan that has received an affirmative determination of energy compliance under 24 V.S.A. § 4352. In this subdivision (C), “substantial deference” means that a land conservation measure or specific policy shall be applied in accordance with its terms unless there is a clear and convincing demonstration that other factors affecting the general good of the State outweigh the application of the measure or policy. The term shall not include consideration of whether the determination of energy compliance should or should not have been affirmative under 24 V.S.A. § 4352.

Municipal Plans should be submitted by the municipality’s legislative body to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) if the Regional Plan has received an affirmative determination of energy compliance. If a Regional Plan has not received such a determination, until July 1, 2018¹, a municipality may submit its adopted and approved Municipal Plan to the Department of Public Service (DPS) for a determination of energy compliance (determination), along with the completed checklist below. After a Municipal Plan and completed checklist have been submitted to the RPC (or DPS), the RPC or DPS will schedule a public hearing noticed at least 15 days in advance by direct mail to the requesting municipal legislative body, on the RPC or DPS website, and in a newspaper of general publication in the municipality. The RPC or DPS shall issue a determination in writing within two months of the receipt of a request. If the determination is negative, the RPC or DPS shall state the reasons for the denial in writing and, if appropriate, suggest acceptable modifications. Submissions for a new determination following a negative determination shall receive a new determination within 45 days.

The plans that Municipalities submit must:

- Be adopted
- Be confirmed under 24 V.S.A. § 4350
- Include an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. § 4348a(a)(3)
- Be consistent with state energy policy (described below), in the manner described in 24 V.S.A. § 4302(f)(1)
- Meet all standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance (see below)

¹ These standards will be revised after July 1, 2018 to reflect that Municipal Plans should be submitted only to the Regional Planning Commissions – which will all have had an opportunity to seek a determination of energy compliance – from that point forward.

Municipalities are encouraged to consult with their reviewer (either their RPC or DPS) before undertaking the process of plan adoption, which may help in identifying any deficiencies or inconsistencies with the standards or other requirements that would be more difficult to remedy after a plan has gone through the formal adoption process.

The state's Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) is revised on a 6-year basis. When the next CEP is published in 2022, it will include a revised set of standards, as well as Recommendations that are customized to regions and municipalities. The Recommendations that accompany this initial set of Standards represent a subset of recommendations from the 2016 CEP, which were not written with regions and municipalities specifically in mind. A Guidance document – which is expected to evolve as best practices from regions and municipalities emerge – will be published shortly after the Standards are issued. It will serve as the warehouse for relevant recommendations from the 2016 CEP, links to data sources, instructions on conducting analysis and mapping, and sample language/best practices. Once issued and until the 2022 CEP is published, this Guidance document will supplant the Recommendations document.

Affirmative determinations last for the life cycle of a revision of the Municipal Plan, and Municipal Plans that are submitted after the 2022 CEP is issued will be expected to meet the Standards that are issued at that time. Municipalities are encouraged to consult with their RPC or DPS regarding interim amendments that might affect any of the standards below, to discuss whether a new review is triggered.

If you wish to submit your Municipal Plan to your RPC or to DPS for a determination, please read closely the specific instructions at the start of each section below, and attach your Municipal Plan to this checklist.

Determination requests to an RPC (and any other questions) should be submitted to your RPC's designated contact. Determination requests to DPS until July 1, 2018 – and only for municipalities whose Regions' plans have not received an affirmative determination – should be submitted to:

PSD.PlanningStandards@vermont.gov.

Part I: Applicant Information		
The plan being submitted for review is a:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Plan in a region whose regional plan has received an affirmative determination of energy compliance from the Commissioner of Public Service Please submit these plans to your RPC	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Plan in a region whose regional plan has <u>not</u> received a determination of energy compliance Until July 1, 2018, please submit these to the DPS. After July 1, 2018, this option ceases to exist.
Applicant:	Woodbury, VT	
Contact person:	Thomas Lindsay	
Contact information:	wdbyselctbdtlindsay@comcast.net	
Received by: Zachary Maia, Grace Vinson	Date: 12/13/2019 (Draft for NRPC Yr 3), 10/6/21 (final plan)	

Part II: Determination Standards Checklist

The checklist below will be used to evaluate your plan’s consistency with statutory requirements under Act 174, including the requirement to be adopted and approved, contain an enhanced energy element, be consistent with state energy policy, and meet a set of standards designed to ensure consistency with state energy goals and policies.

Please review and attach your plan (or adopted energy element/plan, along with supporting documentation) and self-evaluate whether it contains the following components. Use the Notes column to briefly describe how your plan is consistent with the standard, including relevant page references (you may include additional pages to expand upon Notes). If you feel a standard is not relevant or attainable, please check N/A where it is available and use the Notes column to describe the situation, explaining why the standard is not relevant or attainable, and indicate what measures your municipality is taking instead to mitigate any adverse effects of not making substantial progress toward this standard. If N/A is not made available, the standard must be met (unless the instructions for that standard indicate otherwise) and checked “Yes” in order to receive an affirmative determination. There is no penalty for checking (or limit on the number of times you may check) N/A where it is available, as long as a reasonable justification is provided in the Notes column.

Plan Adoption Requirement			
<p>Act 174 requires that municipal plans be adopted and approved in order to qualify for a determination of energy compliance. In the near term, it is likely municipalities will revise and submit isolated energy plans or elements, particularly due to long planning cycles. Therefore, the plan adoption requirement can be met through an amendment to an existing plan in the form of an energy element or energy plan, as long as the amendment or plan itself is duly adopted as part of the municipal plan and incorporated by reference or appended to the underlying, full plan (i.e., is officially “in” the municipal plan), as well as approved for confirmation with the region. If this route is chosen, the municipality should also attach the planning commission report required for plan amendments under 24 V.S.A. § 4384, which should address the internal consistency of the energy plan/element with other related elements of the underlying plan (particularly Transportation and Land Use), and/or whether the energy plan/element supersedes language in those other elements. Standards 1 and 2 below must be answered in the affirmative in order for a plan to receive an affirmative determination of energy compliance.</p>			
<p>1. Has your plan been duly adopted and approved for confirmation according to 24 V.S.A. § 4350?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Adoption date: 10/18/21 Confirmation date: Click here to enter text.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Woodbuy’s town plan was adopted by the selectboard on April 25, 2022 and CVRPC Board will vote on it on June 14, 2022</p>
<p>2. Is a copy of the plan (or adopted energy element/plan, along with underlying plan and planning commission report addressing consistency of</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>

energy element/plan with other elements of underlying plan) attached to this checklist?			
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Energy Element Requirement

To obtain a determination of energy compliance, Act 174 requires municipalities to include an “energy element” that contains the same components described in 24 V.S.A. § 4348a(a)(3), which was revised through Act 174 to explicitly address energy across all sectors and to identify potential and unsuitable areas for siting renewable energy resources:

An energy element, which may include an analysis of resources, needs, scarcities, costs, and problems within the region across all energy sectors, including electric, thermal, and transportation; a statement of policy on the conservation and efficient use of energy and the development and siting of renewable energy resources; a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy; and an identification of potential areas for the development and siting of renewable energy resources and areas that are unsuitable for siting those resources or particular categories or sizes of those resources.

The standards below are generally organized to integrate each component of the enhanced energy element with related determination standards that evaluate the plan’s consistency with state goals and policies. **Energy element components are identified in bolded text.**

While municipalities may choose to primarily address energy used for heating, transportation, and electricity in the required energy element, they may also choose to address some of these components in related plan elements (e.g., Transportation and Land Use) and should indicate as much in the Notes column. To the extent an energy element is designed to comprehensively address energy, it should be complementary to and reference other relevant plan elements.

<p>3. Does the plan contain an energy element, that contains the same components described in 24 V.S.A. § 4348a(a)(3)? <i>Individual components of the energy element will be evaluated through the standards below.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.
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Consistency with State Goals and Policies Requirement

- Act 174 states that regional and municipal plans must be consistent with the following state goals and policies:
- Greenhouse gas reduction goals under [10 V.S.A. § 578\(a\)](#) (50% from 1990 levels by 2028; 75% by 2050)
 - The 25 x 25 goal for renewable energy under [10 V.S.A. § 580](#) (25% in-state renewables supply for all energy uses by 2025)
 - Building efficiency goals under [10 V.S.A. § 581](#) (25% of homes – or 80,000 units – made efficient by 2020)
 - State energy policy under [30 V.S.A. § 202a](#) and the recommendations for regional and municipal planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the [State energy plans](#) adopted pursuant to [30 V.S.A. §§ 202](#) and [202b](#)
 - The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under [30 V.S.A. §§ 8004](#) and [8005](#)

The standards in the checklist below will be used to determine whether a plan is consistent with these goals and policies. The standards are broken out by category. *Analysis and Targets* standards address how energy analyses are done within plans, and whether targets are established for energy conservation, efficiency, fuel switching, and use of renewable energy across sectors. *Pathways (Implementation Actions)* standards address the identification of actions to achieve the targets. *Mapping* standards address the identification of suitable and unsuitable areas for the development of renewable energy.

Municipalities may choose to incorporate the information necessary to meet the standards in their energy elements, and/or in other sections of their plans (many transportation items may fit best in the Transportation chapters of plans, for instance). However, plans must be internally consistent, and applicants should cross-reference wherever possible.

Analysis and Targets Standards

For the *Analysis & Targets* determination standards below, municipalities will be provided with analyses and targets derived from regional analyses and targets no later than April 30, 2017 (and likely much sooner). Municipalities may choose to rely on these “municipalized” analyses and targets to meet the standards in this section. Municipalities which elect to use the analysis and targets provided by a region will be presumed to have met the standards in this section. Alternatively, municipalities may develop their own custom analyses and targets or supplement the analyses and targets provided by the regions with specific local data; if this option is chosen, the analysis and targets must include all of the same components and meet the standards required of regions, as described below.

For municipalities that choose to undertake their own analysis and target-setting (and for regions), DPS is providing a guidance document to explain the expected level of detail in and data sources and methodologies available for meeting the standards (including areas where it is understood data at the municipal level is unavailable, and therefore not expected). Note that standards 5A-4E are all derived directly from requirements in Act 174 (with minor modifications to make them feasible) and must be met affirmatively in order for a municipal plan to receive an affirmative determination of energy compliance.

Targets set by regions and municipalities should be aligned with state energy policy (see the goals and policies listed above). Where targets (and efforts to reach them) depart significantly from state energy goals and policies, an explanation for how the plan otherwise achieves the intent of the state goal or policy should be provided. The guidance document also offers additional clarification on alignment with state goals and policies.

The analysis items below are intended to provide regions and municipalities with an overview of their current energy use, and with a sense of the trajectories and pace of change needed to meet targets, which can be translated into concrete actions in the *Pathways* standards below. Targets provide regions and municipalities with milestones or checkpoints along the way toward a path of meeting 90% of their total energy needs with renewable energy, and can be compared with the potential renewable energy generation from areas identified as potentially suitable in the *Mapping* standards exercise below to give regions and municipalities a sense of their ability to accommodate renewable energy that would meet their needs.

<p>4. Does your plan’s energy element contain an analysis of resources, needs, scarcities, costs, and problems within the municipality across all energy sectors (electric, thermal, transportation)?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 79-87 (page 8 to 16 of Energy Plan) Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
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<p>5. Does your plan contain an analysis that addresses A-E below, either as provided by your Regional Planning Commission or as developed by your municipality? <i>Municipalities may meet this standard by using the analysis and targets provided by their regions, or by developing their own analyses and targets. If using the analysis & targets provided by your region, please answer "Yes-Region" and skip ahead to #6. If developing a custom analysis, please answer "Yes-Custom" and address 5A-5E separately, below.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes-Region <input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Custom	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 79-87 Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See below</p>
<p>A. Does the plan estimate current energy use across transportation, heating, and electric sectors?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 79-81 (page 8 to 10 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See Table 1 (Current Transportation energy use), Table 2 (Current Electricity Use), Table 3 (Current Municipal Residential Heating Use), and Table 4 (Current Commercial Energy Use).</p>
<p>B. Does the plan establish 2025, 2035, and 2050 targets for thermal and electric efficiency improvements, and use of renewable energy for transportation, heating, and electricity?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 81-83 (page 10 to 12 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See Table 5 (Targets for Thermal Efficiency Improvements), Table 6 (Targets for Renewable Energy Use), Table 7 (Targets for Renewable Energy Generation)</p>
<p>C. Does the plan evaluate the amount of thermal-sector conservation, efficiency, and conversion to alternative heating fuels needed to achieve these targets?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 83-84 (page 12 to 13 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See Table 8 (Thermal Sector Conversions per Target Year)</p>
<p>D. Does the plan evaluate transportation system changes and land use strategies needed to achieve these targets?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 84-85 (page 13 to 14 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See Table 9 (Transportation Fuel-Switching Targets)</p>
<p>E. Does the plan evaluate electric-sector conservation and efficiency needed to achieve these targets?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 85-87 (page 14 to 16 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: See Table 10 (targets for electric efficiency improvements)</p>

Pathways (Implementation Actions) Standards

This section examines whether plans meet the Act 174 expectation that they include pathways and recommended actions to achieve the targets identified through the *Analysis and Targets* section of the Standards (above). Plans are expected to include or otherwise address all of the pathways (implementation actions) below; some actions may not be applicable or equally relevant to all applicants (small vs. large municipalities, for instance), in which case N/A may be checked (if available) and the justification provided in the Notes column. There is no penalty for choosing N/A one or more times, as long as a reasonable justification is provided in the Notes column, preferably including an explanation of how the plan alternatively achieves attainment of the targets should be included. If N/A is not provided as an option, the standard must be met, and “Yes” must be checked, in order for the plan to meet the requirements for a determination (unless the instructions particular to that standard indicate otherwise).

DPS will be issuing a guidance document in the near term providing potential implementation actions derived from the Comprehensive Energy Plan (relevant formal Recommendations as well as opportunities not specifically called out as Recommendations), from recent regional and municipal plans, and from other sources. The guidance document will be revised after the regions have compiled best practices from early municipalities pursuing energy planning to seek a determination of energy compliance, in the summer of 2017.

For the time being, we offer potential implementation action options for consideration as italicized text under each standard. Plans are encouraged to promote as diverse a portfolio of approaches as possible in each sector, or if not, to explain why they take a more targeted approach. Implementation actions may fit best in a holistic discussion contained within a plan’s energy element, though cross-referencing to other relevant plan elements is also acceptable.

Municipalities must demonstrate a commitment to achieving each standard in both policies and implementation measures in clear, action-oriented language.

6. Does your plan’s energy element contain a statement of policy on the conservation and efficient use of energy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: 93-94 (page 22 to 23 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objectives A-1 to A-4 Notes: Click here to enter text.
A. Does the plan encourage conservation by individuals and organizations? <i>(Actions could include educational activities and events such as convening or sponsoring weatherization workshops, establishing local energy committees, encouraging the use of existing utility and other efficiency and conservation programs and funding sources, etc.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: 93 (page 22 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective A-1 Notes: (1) Identify an energy coordinator in the community, and (2) Hold public meetings with industry professionals to showcase weatherization and fuel switching opportunities for residents.
B. Does the plan promote efficient buildings? <i>(Actions could include promoting compliance with residential and commercial building energy standards for new construction and existing buildings, including additions, alterations, renovations and repairs; promoting the implementation of residential and commercial building efficiency ratings and labeling; considering adoption of stretch codes, etc.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: 93 (page 22 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective A-2 Notes: (1) Revise zoning bylaws to includes references to statewide building energy standards, and (2) distribute information to residents and developers.

<p>C. Does the plan promote decreased use of fossil fuels for heating? <i>(Actions and policies could promote switching to wood, liquid biofuels, biogas, geothermal, and/or electricity. Suitable devices include advanced wood heating systems and cold-climate heat pumps, as well as use of more energy efficient heating systems; and identifying potential locations for, and barriers to, deployment of biomass district heating and/or thermal-led combined heat and power systems in the municipality)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 94 (page 23 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective A-3 Notes: (1) Hold presentation of alternative heating fuels, their cost to implement, and available incentives for residents of the Town.</p>
<p>D. Does the plan demonstrate the municipality's leadership by example with respect to the efficiency of municipal buildings? <i>(Actions could include building audits and weatherization projects in schools and town offices, etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 94 (page 23 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective A-4 Notes: Conduct baseline energy audits of all municipal buildings and structures, including the school.</p>
<p>E. Other (please use the notes section to describe additional approaches that your municipality is taking)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>7. Does your plan's energy element contain a statement of policy on reducing transportation energy demand and single-occupancy vehicle use, and encouraging use of renewable or lower-emission energy sources for transportation?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 94-96 (page 23 to 25 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objectives B-1 to B-5 Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>A. Does the plan encourage increased use of public transit? <i>(Actions could include participation in efforts to identify and develop new public transit routes, promote full utilization of existing routes, integrate park-and-rides with transit routes, etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 94 (page 23 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective B-1 Notes: (1) Identify challenges and opportunities for small scale transit in Woodbury, and (2) Explore alternative trips that Woodbury may be able to take advantage of beyond the current service from RTC.</p>
<p>B. Does the plan promote a shift away from single-occupancy vehicle trips, through strategies appropriate to the municipality? <i>(Actions could include rideshare, vanpool, car-sharing initiatives; efforts to develop or increase park-and-rides; enhancement of options such as rail and telecommuting; education; intergovernmental cooperation; etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 95 (page 24 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective B-2 Notes: (1) Identify locations for a formal park-and-ride in Woodbury, (2) Identify barriers to telecommuting, and (3) promote Go Vermont web page on town website.</p>
<p>C. Does the plan promote a shift away from gas/diesel vehicles to electric or other non-fossil fuel transportation options through strategies appropriate to the municipality?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 95 (page 24 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective B-3</p>

<p><i>(Actions could include promoting the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, providing education and outreach to potential users, supporting non-fossil fuel vehicle availability through outreach to vehicle dealers, etc.)</i></p>			<p>Notes: (1) Consider implementation and possible locations of an EV charging station, and (2) partner with Drive Electric Vermont to showcase electric vehicle options to the community.</p>
<p>D. Does the plan facilitate the development of walking and biking infrastructure through strategies appropriate to the municipality? <i>(Actions could include studying, planning for, seeking funding for, or implementing improvements that encourage safe and convenient walking and biking; adopting a “Complete Streets” policy, etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 96 (page 25 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective B-4 Notes: Hold a public hearing to identify key areas for pedestrian and bike improvements, in neighborhoods or in the Village.</p>
<p>E. Does the plan demonstrate the municipality’s leadership by example with respect to the efficiency of municipal transportation? <i>(Actions could include purchasing energy efficient municipal and fleet vehicles when practicable, installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure, etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 96 (page 25 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective B-5 Notes: (1) Identify municipal properties to take on EV charging stations, (2) Continue to inventory municipal vehicles to better consider efficiency in the replacement of them, and (3) prioritize efficiency and biodiesel fuel source of vehicles when considering the purchase of a new vehicle.</p>
<p>F. Other (please use the notes section to describe additional approaches that your municipality is taking)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>8. Does your plan’s energy element contain a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 97 (page 26 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objectives C-1 and C-2 Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>A. Does the plan include land use policies (and descriptions of current and future land use categories) that demonstrate a commitment to reducing sprawl and minimizing low-density development? <i>(Actions could include adopting limited sewer service areas, maximum building sizes along highways, policies or zoning that require design features that minimize the characteristics of strip development [multiple stories, parking lot to the side or back of the store], and requirements that development in those areas be connected by means other than roads and cars; adopting a capital budget and program that furthers land use and transportation policies; etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 97 (page 26 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective C-1 Notes: (1) Revise zoning bylaws to incorporate greater densities in the Village, South Woodbury, and other neighborhoods planned for development in the Future Land Use map.</p>

<p>B. Does the plan strongly prioritize development in compact, mixed-use centers when physically feasible and appropriate to the use of the development, or identify steps to make such compact development more feasible? <i>(Actions could include participating in the state designation program, such as obtaining state designated village centers, downtowns, neighborhoods, new town centers, or growth centers; exploration of water or sewage solutions that enable compact development; etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 97(page 26 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective C-2 Notes: (1) Apply for a Village Center designation for the Village, and (2) Identify buildings in those areas planned for development that may be repurposed for more, dense, housing (multi-unit or elderly housing).</p>
<p>C. Other (please use the notes section to describe additional approaches that your municipality is taking)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>9. Does your plan’s energy element contain a statement of policy on the development and siting of renewable energy resources?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Notes: Throughout plan, see below. Mainly Objective D-1 and D-2 for policy statements.</p>
<p>A. Does the plan evaluate (estimates of or actual) generation from existing renewable energy generation in the municipality? <i>Municipalities should be able to obtain this information from their regions.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 87, 91, 92 (page 16, 20, 21 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Renewable Energy Notes: Table 11 (existing renewable energy generation) and Table 13 (Existing Renewable Energy based on existing CPGs)</p>
<p>B. Does the plan analyze generation potential, through the mapping exercise (see <i>Mapping</i> standards, below), to determine potential from preferred and potentially suitable areas in the municipality? <i>Municipalities should be able to obtain this information from their regions.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 91 (page 20 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Siting Notes: Table 12 (Potential Renewable Energy Generation)</p>
<p>C. Does the plan identify sufficient land in the municipality for renewable energy development to reasonably reach 2050 targets for renewable electric generation, based on population and energy resource potential (from potential resources identified in the <i>Mapping</i> exercise, below), accounting for the fact that land may not be available due to private property constraints, site-specific constraints, or grid-related constraints? <i>If N/A, please describe how you are working with your regional planning commission to ensure overall regional objectives are achieved.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 87-88 (page 16-17 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: 8, under Solar section Notes: Woodbury, as of submission of this plan, has not identified any constraints that would impact the potential generated through the mapping exercise.</p>
<p>D. Does the plan ensure that any local constraints (locally designated resources or critical resources, from 12B and 12C under <i>Mapping</i>, below) do not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of sufficient renewable energy to meet state, regional, or municipal targets?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: No local constraints identified.</p>

<i>If N/A, please describe how you are working with your regional planning commission to ensure overall regional objectives are achieved.</i>			
E. Does the plan include statements of policy to accompany maps (could include general siting guidelines), including statements of policy to accompany any preferred, potential, and unsuitable areas for siting generation (see 12 and 13 under <i>Mapping</i> , below)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: 91 (page 20 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Siting section Notes: No preferred or unsuitable locations are identified at this time. Potential locations are identified.
F. Does the plan maximize the potential for renewable generation on preferred locations (such as the categories outlined under 12E in the <i>Mapping</i> standards, below)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: No preferred locations are identified by Woodbury.
G. Does the plan demonstrate the municipality's leadership by example with respect to the deployment of renewable energy? <i>(Actions could include deploying renewable energy to offset municipal electric use, etc.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Page: 98 (page 27 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Objective D-2 Notes: Consideration of municipal properties for renewable energy development included in updated/amended Town Plan, Hold public meeting 4 years from adoption to assess constraints
H. Other (please use the notes section to describe additional approaches that your municipality is taking)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.

Mapping Standards

Act 174 requires plans to identify potential areas for the development and siting of renewable energy resources and areas that are unsuitable for siting those resources or particular categories or sizes of those resources. It furthermore requires that the standards address the potential generation from the potential siting areas.

The *Mapping* standards lay out a sequence of steps for planners to examine existing renewable resources and to identify potential (and preferred) areas for renewable energy development, and to identify likely unsuitable areas for development, by layering constraint map layers on to raw energy resource potential map layers. The maps should help municipalities visualize and calculate the potential generation from potential areas, and compare it with the 2025, 2035, and 2050 targets from the *Analysis and Targets* standards to get a sense of the scale and scope of generation that could be produced within the region to meet the municipality's needs. DPS will provide additional guidance to accompany the standards that fleshes out the steps, layers, and standards more fully.

Plans must include maps that address all of the standards below, unless N/A is provided as an option, in which case a compelling reason why the standard is not applicable or relevant should be provided in the Notes column. Regions must develop their own maps (already underway through support being provided

to regions by DPS), and to then break out the maps for their municipalities, who can use their region-provided maps to meet the municipal *Mapping* standards (such “municipalization” work is being supported through a training & technical assistance contract between DPS and regions, and all regions must supply completed maps to their municipalities by April 30, 2017, though many are expected to do so much sooner).

Municipalities may choose to rely on the maps provided by the regions to meet the standards in this section. Those maps should be somewhat familiar to municipalities, who are expected to be consulted as regions develop their maps. Alternatively, municipalities may choose to undertake their own mapping, according to the same set of standards as regions. Additionally, municipalities are expected to work collaboratively with their regions and with neighboring municipalities to ensure compatibility between the final products.

The map and the text describing the policies or rules used to construct the map, as well as the text describing specific policies applicable to map features, should be complementary. That should help ensure that any “land conservation measures and specific policies” that might be given substantial deference in the context of a particular project review under 30 V.S.A. § 248 are clearly identifiable in the text, should a map lack sufficient clarity or granularity regarding the area in which a project is proposed.

<p>10. Does your plan contain one or more maps that address 11-13 below, as provided by your Regional Planning Commission or as developed by your municipality? <i>Municipalities may meet this standard by using the maps provided by their regions, or by developing their own maps. If using the maps provided by your region, please answer “Yes-Region” and skip ahead to #14. If developing custom maps, please answer “Yes-Custom” and address 11-13 separately, below.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes-Region <input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Custom	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.
<p>11. Does the plan identify and map existing electric generation sources? <i>Maps may depict generators of all sizes or just those larger than 15 kW, as long as information on generators smaller than 15 kW is summarized and provided or referenced elsewhere. It is expected that the best available information at the time of plan creation will be used. This information is available from the DPS.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Page: 92, 108 (page 21, 37 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Table 13 on p.92, map on p. 108
<p>12. Does the plan identify potential areas for the development and siting of renewable energy resources and the potential generation from such generators in the identified areas, taking into account factors including resource availability, environmental constraints, and the location and capacity of electric grid infrastructure? <i>Maps should include the following (available from VCGI and ANR), and the resulting Prime and Secondary Resource Maps will together comprise “potential areas”:</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.

<p>A. Raw renewable energy potential analysis (wind and solar), using best available data layers (including LiDAR as appropriate)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 109 , 111,112 (page 38, 40, 41 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Hydro, Solar, Wind maps</p>
<p>B. Known constraints (signals likely, though not absolute, unsuitability for development based on statewide or local regulations or designated critical resources) to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernal Pools (confirmed and unconfirmed layers) • DEC River Corridors • FEMA Floodways • State-significant Natural Communities and Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species • National Wilderness Areas • Class 1 and Class 2 Wetlands (VSWI and advisory layers) • Regionally or Locally Identified Critical Resources <p><i>If areas are constrained for the development of renewable energy due to the desire to protect a locally designated critical resource (whether a natural resource or a community-identified resource), then the land use policies applicable to other forms of development in this area must be similarly restrictive; for this category, policies must prohibit all permanent development (and should be listed in the Notes column).</i></p> <p><i>These areas should be subtracted from raw renewable energy resource potential maps to form Secondary Resource Maps</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 110 (page 39 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Known Constraint map</p>
<p>C. Possible constraints (signals conditions that would likely require mitigation, and which may prove a site unsuitable after site-specific study, based on statewide or regional/local policies that are currently adopted or in effect), including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Soils • FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas • Protected Lands (State fee lands and private conservation lands) • Act 250 Agricultural Soil Mitigation areas • Deer Wintering Areas 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 111 (page 40 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Possible Constraint map (unchanged, nothing added)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANR's Vermont Conservation Design Highest Priority Forest Blocks (or Habitat Blocks 9 & 10, for plans using regional maps in regions whose plans will be submitted for adoption at the regional level by March 1, 2017) • Hydric Soils • Regionally or Locally Identified Resources <i>If locations are constrained for the development of renewable energy due to the desire to protect a locally designated resource (whether a natural resource or community-identified resource, like a view), then the land use policies applicable to other forms of development must be similarly restrictive (and should be listed in the Notes column). These areas should be subtracted from Secondary Resource Maps to form Prime Resource Maps.</i> 			
<p>D. Transmission and distribution resources and constraints, as well as transportation infrastructure. <i>(Including three-phase distribution lines, known constraints from resources such as Green Mountain Power's solar map, known areas of high electric load, etc.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Page: 109, 112, 113 (page 38, 41, 42 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Distribution info found as a layer on potential maps.</p>
<p>E. Preferred locations (specific areas or parcels) for siting a generator or a specific size or type of generator, accompanied by any specific siting criteria for these locations <i>Narrative descriptions of the types of preferred areas in accompanying plan text are acceptable, though mapping of areas and especially specific parcels (to the extent they are known) is highly encouraged, to signal preferences to developers, particularly for locally preferred areas and specific parcels that do not qualify as a statewide preferred location under i. below. The locations identified as preferred must not be impractical for developing a technology with regard to the presence of the renewable resource and access to transmission/distribution infrastructure.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: No preferred locations identified by the Town.</p>
<p>i. Statewide preferred locations such as rooftops (and other structures), parking lots, previously developed sites, brownfields, gravel pits, quarries, and Superfund sites</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<p>Page: 107 (page 36 of Energy Plan) Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: State preferred locations are mapped.</p>

<p>ii. Other potential locally preferred locations <i>For example, customer on- or near-site generation, economic development areas, unranked and not currently farmed agricultural soils, unused land near already developed infrastructure, locations suitable for large-scale biomass district heat or thermal-led cogeneration, potential locations for biogas heating and digesters, etc.</i> <i>These are particularly important to map if possible, as “a specific location in a duly adopted municipal plan” is one way for a net metering project to qualify as being on a preferred site.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: None identified at this time.
<p>13. Does the plan identify areas that are unsuitable for siting renewable energy resources or particular categories or sizes of those resources? <i>Either Yes or No (“No” if the plan chooses not to designate any areas as unsuitable) is an acceptable answer here. “Resources” is synonymous with “generators.”</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (“Yes” for A and B must also be selected below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: No unsuitable locations have been identified at this time.
<p>A. Are areas identified as unsuitable for particular categories or sizes of generators consistent with resource availability and/or land use policies in the regional or municipal plan applicable to other types of land development (answer only required if “Yes” selected above, indicating unsuitable areas have been identified)? <i>If areas are considered unsuitable for energy generation, then the land use policies applicable to other forms of development in this area should similarly prohibit other types of development. Please note these policies in the Notes column.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A (if no unsuitable areas are identified)	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.
<p>B. Does the plan ensure that any regional or local constraints (regionally or locally designated resources or critical resources, from 12b-12c above) identified are supported through data or studies, are consistent with the remainder of the plan, and do not include an arbitrary prohibition or interference with the intended function of any particular renewable resource size or type? <i>Please explain in the Notes column.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: Click here to enter text.
<p>14. Municipalities seeking a determination of energy compliance from the Department and not using their region’s maps only: Does the plan ensure that its approach, if applied regionally, would not have the effect</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (also check Yes if seeking	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Page: Click here to enter text. Paragraph #: Click here to enter text. Notes: In accordance w Regional Plan.

of prohibiting any type of renewable generation technology in all locations?	determination from region, or from DPS but using region-provided maps)		
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CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Municipal Plan Review Committee
Draft Minutes

March 03, 2022 at 4:00pm
 Via in person & Zoom Software

Committee Members:

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

Roxbury Municipal Representatives: Dottie Guiffre, Lucinda Sullivan, Elizabeth Carney

Other: none

Staff: Clare Rock, Blaine Hoskins

CALL TO ORDER

Everyone introduced themselves. B. Arrand called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE 2021 ROXBURY TOWN PLAN AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS

B. Arrand opened the hearing.

L. Sullivan of Roxbury commented on a change in the documented procedure dates: the Roxbury public hearing took place on December 6th, 2021 and a request for CVRPC conformation was sent on December 20th, 2021 and again on January 28th, 2022. She then thanked CVRPC with the help in creating the town plan. J. Ohlsson complemented the plan and hopes the implementation process goes well.

Public hearing closes at 4:05pm

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE 2021 AMENDMENT 2017 CABOT TOWN PLAN TOWN PLAN AND CONFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS

B. Arrand opened the hearing and explained the amendment to the plan – addition of a preexisting Village Center Designation map.

C. Rock noted that there was some missing background information concerning Cabot's public hearing process, CVRPC spoke with the local PC Chair and understands the town didn't issue the statutory 30-Day Notice and didn't hold a public hearing as per the required process. The town plan amendment was

included on the Town Meeting Day ballot and residents voted to approve the amendment. Staff is in the process of gathering an opinion as to whether the amendment is effective as the notice and hearing process was not undertaken. Staff also sent out an email to the MPRC and it included the following information:

To supplement the Cabot memo in the MPRC packet:

➤ **Staff Review**

- *In the memo I stated “For this reason staff is deferring to the previous review in which the plan was reviewed for the following items...” in addition staff has run the plan through the current checklist and finds that the amendment is:*
 - ☑ *consistent with the State goals established in section §4302*
 - ☑ *compatible with its regional plan*
 - ☑ *compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region*
 - ☑ *contains all the elements included in section § 4382*

Moving forward with amendments, it is recommended that we treat them as a new plan in that the RPC will vote on issuing a new Resolution for approval and confirmation (rather than validating the originally issued one.)

Updated link to the Cabot town plan: https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Cabot-Town-Plan_Proposed-Amendment-21-11-10.pdf

CVRPC did receive the official letter from Cabot requesting the approval and confirmation from the RPC. Cabot’s Village Center Designation is about to expire and the town wants to renew its Designation, and that’s a driving reason to have the plan amended to meet the requirements of the Designation process.

P. Carbee questioned if the town plan being included on the ballot counted as a public hearing.

C. Rock gave the option of continuing this hearing on March 8th at the board meeting once more information about the plan’s status. At least a quorum on MPRC members would have to attend.

The committee discussed Cabot not holding a public hearing, and the need for a public hearing if the plan hasn’t changed except for an addition of a preexisting map that depicts preexisting village center boundaries, and the necessity to up hold procedure.

C. Rock informed the committee that there was an informational hearing held in Cabot on February 22 to cover every item on the ballot, including the town plan amendment. In past situations, CVRPC has recommended approval pending adoption.

P. Carbee requested that League of Cities and Towns be consulted on the validness of the planning process.

Public hearing closes at 4:33pm

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CVRPC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

a. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 ROXBURY TOWN PLAN

J. Manchester moved to recommend approve the Roxbury Town Plan. J. Ohlsson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

b. CONFIRMATION OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS

P. Carbee moved to recommend confirmation of the Town of Roxbury municipal planning process and J. Ohlsson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

c. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 AMENDMENT TO THE 2017 CABOT TOWN PLAN

The committee discussed the ability to approve the town plan but not the planning process and if the town plan is valid.

C. Rock read the legal language for requirements of the planning process:
24 V.S.A. § 4350

(1) is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan that is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title;

(2) is engaged in a process to implement its municipal plan, consistent with the program for implementation required under section 4382 of this title; and

(3) is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

The municipality must have approved plan in order to have approved planning process.

Discussion followed about what confirmation of the planning process means; and Village Center Designation requirements as they relate to the town plan.

P. Carbee moved to recommend approval of the 2021 Amendment to the 2017 Cabot Town Plan pending positive legal opinion Vermont League of Cities and Towns (indicating the plan amendment is valid). J. Manchester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

d. CONFIRMATION OF THE TOWN OF CABOT MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESS

J. Manchester moved to recommend confirmation of the Cabot planning process pending positive legal opinion from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (indicating the plan amendment is valid). P. Carbee seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Approval of draft minutes from January 20, 2022.

P. Carbee moved to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes. J. Ohlsson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

P. Carbee made motion to adjourn and J. Manchester seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.