

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Regional Plan Committee**  
**Draft Minutes**

**June 6, 2023 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Via Zoom; physical location: Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission  
29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT 05602

**Committee Members:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	M. Gilbar, Barre Town Alternate
<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Ohlsson, Calais Alternate
<input type="checkbox"/>	M. Gray, Woodbury
<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant
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Members of the Public/anticipated new Committee members: John Brabant, Calais Rep; Ron Krauth, Middlesex Rep; Alice Peal, Waitsfield Alternate Rep; Rich Turner, Williamstown Rep; David Stapleton, Moretown; George Clain, Barre Town Rep.

Staff: Clare Rock

C Rock opened the meeting and stated that there would not be a quorum of members, and that no formal action is expected at this meeting. Members introduced themselves. David Stapleton, Moretown joined the meeting briefly and then signed off before the meeting agenda got underway.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**New Regional Plan**

Communication and Engagement Plan:

No comments

Data Profile:

Clare introduced the presentation – this is a draft and will send a copy to participants following the meeting for review.

Discussion and comments included:

- Need to add source data to the slides.
- Ron identified that percentages might not show the accurate changes in the town-by-town comparisons as 10 people in one town would = a greater percentage change in a rural town than 10 people in a more rural town. Maybe we should get rid of the percentages along the bottom of pop change chart.
- Alice added that it'll be important to consider the population changes when thinking about new infrastructure.

- Discussion about “why do we need to know place of birth”? brief discussion of anecdotal information about “who is from Vermont” and the notion of “Flat landers” and how it might help provide context for changing the narrative over “that’s the way we do things because that’s the way its always done.” One participant suggests it can be used to describe tension points between different perspectives. Two other participants feel this could be a slippery slope to be interjecting this anecdotal information by assuming some perspectives.
- On median income slide: George asks about adding affordability metrics to compare with the median household income. George is interested in knowing what towns are more burdened by cost of living.
- John Brabant suggested reaching out to VHFA, we should ask about cost of construction, as information suggests that to make a low-income rental unit currently is over \$500,000. Clare will be following up with VHFA and their offer of assistance with the housing chapter.

Closing comments:

- Need to add the source data, and then consider if the data sources can be added as a link so if people want to look at the full data they can, but that it’s not included in the body of the report.
- Re: electric car charges, it would be good to include an assessment of electrical voltage/amps/availability of existing buildings (residential: rental and homeowner) to understand the capacity and capability of electrification of home heating units and car charging.

Next meeting date: July 11<sup>th</sup> (instead of July 4<sup>th</sup>.)

**Adjournment at 5:30 pm**