CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Regional Plan Committee

Draft Minutes

September 5, 2023 4:00 - 5:20 pm

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

Committee Members:

Х	Alice Peal, Waitsfield Alternate Rep
Х	Rich Turner, Williamstown Rep
х	George Clain, Barre Town Rep.
	John Brabant, Calais Rep
Х	Mike Miller, Montpelier Alternate Rep

1 Staff: Clare Rock

Staff opened the meeting and went through the first 2 agenda items prior to the Election of Officers.

5 Adjustments to the Agenda

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Election of Officers

G Clain nominated A Peal for Chair. A Peal accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Committee members vote unanimously to elect A Peal as Chair. Alice Peal takes the role of Chair and leads the rest of the agenda.

G Clain declines being nominated as Vice Chair, M Miller says he would accept the role if nominated.

A Peal nominates M Miller as Vice Chair. No other nominations. Committee members vote unanimously to elect M Miller as Vice Chair.

The minute taking responsibility will be passed to staff.

Rules of Procedure

25 Staff indicated that the proposed changes are to do with the recent changes to the Bylaws.

Discussion that a new member would have to go through the Nominating Committee. Under OFFICERS/ELECTION section G Clain suggests that the last sentence should not be struck out, other members agreed.

Under OFFICERS/ELECTION within the first sentence, a statement about how the election action should be added to the agenda. Changes was made in the draft ROP.

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Under CONFLICT OF INTEREST section, discussion about the last sentence in the first paragraph and the majority of the paragraph. There was support that the entire stuck section should remain. And discussion followed about how this sentence is clearer than what is in the Bylaws and Conflict of Interest policy. Committee agreed to recommend keeping the language and also recommend to the Board that the other documents (Bylaws and Conflict of Interest) be amended to include this clearer language. M Miller made a motion to recommend the ROP as amended and annotated for Board approval, seconded by G Clain. All in favor. Motion passed. **Approval of Minutes** M Miller made motion to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes seconded by R Turner. A Peal, R Turner, M Miller vote in favor. G Clain abstained. Motion passed. M Miller made motion to approve to the May 2, 2023, seconded by R Turner. All in favor. Motion carried. R Turner made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by A Peal. All in favor. Motion carried. R Turner left the meeting. **New Regional Plan**

Staff gave a very brief update of the data profile, chapters and stakeholder engagement. Staff anticipates providing committee with data profile at next meeting. Stakeholder engagement has been pushed back. A skeleton draft should be completed by next month.

M Miller had to leave the meeting.

Staff gave a summary of the other items in the packet regarding the changes to stature and the future land use effort as a result of the HOME ACT. Question was raised about the organization structure of VAPDA (is a 501c3? How transparent are they? Do they have to adhere to the open meeting law?) Concern was raised about the future land use effort and how input and comment would be gathered and included.

G Clain is concerned that one town could be over ruled by the majority of the Board, if the Board has to support or endorse the effort. A Peal is also concerned about how municipalities can provide comment and their concerns heard.

<u>Adjourn</u>

 G Clain made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A Peal. No quorum for a vote.