



Municipal Plan Review Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2023

| Committee Members | |
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| X | Bill Arrand, Worcester |
| X | Alexis Leacock, Warren |
| X | Ron Krauth, Middlesex Commissioner |
| X | Joyce Manchester, Moretown Alternate Commissioner |
| X | Jan Ohlsson, Calais Alternate Commissioner |
| Staff: Christian Meyer, Elaine Toohey | |
| Guests: Alice Peal; Doug Greason | |

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- No changes

Public Comments

- None

Public Hearing: Approval of the 2023 Waitsfield Town Plan and Energy Plan, confirmation of the local planning process, and issuances of a positive determination of energy compliance.

Ron **moved** to open the public hearing for the Waitsfield Town Plan. The motion was seconded by Jan. The motion carried.

Alice, in her role as chair of the Waitsfield Planning Commission, provided a description of the major areas of focus in this update, namely natural resources and energy with additional work being completed in the plan implementation section.

Committee members noted that the text of the plan did not specifically identify how the community supported State Planning Goal 13 for the development of childcare infrastructure and asked for more detail on how the Town had worked toward encouraging and supporting child care infrastructure in their community. Alice pointed to actions taken to allocate Town ARPA funding to support child care services within the community and other public support given to various organizations. Alice further noted that the process for opening a home business, particularly child care, in Waitsfield was not overly complicated. Finally, Alice noted

1 that the town has been able to make progress toward the State Goal under the existing goals
2 and policies included in the plan even if they did not directly reference child care.

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4 Given that the town had demonstrated progress toward the child care goal, Joyce suggested
5 offering approval for the town plan with the understanding that the Town amend their plan by
6 the mid cycle RPC consultation in 2027 to include language regarding progress toward
7 attainment of State Planning Goal 13. William agreed with this suggestion.

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9 Jan **moved** to exit the public hearing at 4:46PM. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion
10 carried.

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12 Alexis **moved** to recommend to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners to confirm the planning
13 process. Ron seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

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15 Joyce **moved** to recommend the CVRPC Board of Commissioners approved the Waitsfield Town
16 Plan noting that for the Town to retain confirmation of its planning process, progress towards
17 attainment of the State Planning Goal will need to be documented in the municipal plan before
18 CVRPC completes its next consultation in 2027. The motion was seconded by Alexis. There was
19 no discussion. The motion carried.

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21 Jan **moved** to recommend to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners an affirmative Determination
22 of Energy Compliance. The motion was seconded by Alexis. There was no discussion. The
23 motion carried.

24 **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

25 Joyce **moved** to accept the minutes from February 6, 2023. Jan seconded the motion. The
26 motion carried.

27 **Adjournment**

28 Alexis **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded the motion. The motioned carried.

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30 Bill adjourned the meeting at 4:50PM