

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

**Minutes**

**February 6, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Via Zoom

**Committee Members:**

	Alice Peal, Waitsfield Alternate Rep
x	Rich Turner, Williamstown Rep
x	Doug Greason, Waterbury Rep
x	Mike Miller, Montpelier Alternate Rep
	John Brabant, Calais Rep

Staff (in person): Christian Meyer, Will Pitkin, Lincoln Frasca, Brian Voigt

Meeting called to order at 4:06 PM

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

No adjustments

**Public Comment**

No public present

M. Miller moved to approved Jan 2024 meeting minutes, R. Turner seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Flood Recovery and Mitigation Priorities Update**

L. Frasca presented on potential flood mitigation projects in Region (project type, phase, potential partners, and potential funding sources – see attached presentation), based on work that D. Greason previously did to compile a record of ongoing and upcoming projects. M. Miller noted that the projects' emphasis is on water quality and that there are varying degrees of overlap between those projects and ones that emphasize floodplain restoration/flood reduction. B. Voigt stated that water quality project types with high flood mitigation potential typically include berm removal and woody riparian planting.

**Future Land Use Mapping for the Regional Plan**

The committee discussed past land use type definitions, suggested definitions from VAPDA report and guidance on how to add value with upcoming FLU map in 2024 regional plan, what decisions will the upcoming regional FLU map inform.

M. Miller questioned whether regional FLU map defines municipal FLU maps or vice versa and how much the regional FLU map is based on current conditions vs. municipalities' aspirations for future development. M. Miller stated that he thought VAPDA suggested definitions missed already-developed dense residential areas served by utilities that do not fall neatly into any of VAPDA's proposed definitions since they are neither rural nor are they planned for extensive expansion. M. Miller suggested that certain definitions, such as transition/infill, be overlays on top of other areas that have

1 other definitions.

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3 M. Miller suggested adding a tenth category, “dense residential neighborhood,” to capture already-  
4 developed areas then, using these ten definitions, go town by town and try to apply them to the  
5 member municipalities then adjust definitions accordingly. D. Greason concurred that CVRPC start off  
6 proposed VAPDA definitions plus potentially one to several additional land use definitions. C. Meyer laid  
7 out how CVRPC could adopt these new definitions. M. Miller supported VAPDA recommendation to split  
8 rural definition into several definitions based on use, potentially even further splitting the rural –  
9 agricultural and forestry definition into two separate definitions.

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11 M. Miller questioned what time frame we are considering for our “future” land use planning. C. Meyer  
12 noted that this will depend on the region. D. Greason questioned how to incorporate VAPDA suggested  
13 priorities (climate change, housing, etc.) into FLU map.

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15 Committee members discussed how to structure goals and strategies in 2024 regional plan; M. Miller  
16 noted that the Montpelier municipal plan has at least one strategy with each goal.

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18 D. Greason asked how map will be published. As a static document or interactive digital map with layers  
19 that viewer can turn on or off. Staff stated that it can be both but must have a static map to meet  
20 requirements of a future land use map.

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22 The group discussed how flood resilience will be incorporated into regional plan woven into other  
23 chapters.

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25 C. Meyer stated expected timeline on finishing regional plan update.

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27 M. Miller moved to adjourn, D. Greason seconded, all in favor, motion carried.