**FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF BERLIN**

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

**Berlin Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)**

**Regional Commissioner**

Robert Wernecke

**Transportation Advisory Committee**

Robert Wernecke

* + - Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
		- Provided funding opportunities to support potential ice rink solar project.
		- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
		- Provided letter of support and mapping services for the municipal application to the Better Connections program to fund a town-wide master plan for active transportation.
		- Participated in the project advisory committee Fisher Road Bike and Pedestrian study, including: reviewing procurement documents and project scope, participating in consultant selection process, reviewing alternatives, survey results, draft project reports.
		- Supported town initiative to identify funding source to build new road alignment on the Mall Road.
		- Supported town’s participation in the VDH Healthy Communities Technical Assistance Pilot to create a four-season community recreation center and revitalize an existing town ice rink.
		- Supported successful applications for $4,000 MERP mini-grant for renewable energy and energy efficiency project development; investment grade energy assessments for the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Garage, and Public Safety Building, making them eligible to apply for $500k MERP implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds.
		- Met with town staff to discuss options for conducting manhole survey and inspection and infrastructure asset planning.

***\*****During and following the July Flood, CVRPC staff provided outreach and guidance on recovery efforts and tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages (****\*****Fiscal Year 2024)*

**CVRPC Projects & Programs**

* *Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates that focus on predictable and effective local permitting*
* *Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth*
* *Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee*
* *Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State*
* *Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce energy burdens and build resilience*
* *Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries*
* *Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth*
* *Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities*
* *Clean Water Service Provider to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets*
* *Special Projects* *such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
* *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*