## FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

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 <a href="mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com">cvrpc@cvregion.com</a> for assistance.

## Middlesex Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Successfully completed application for municipality for \$4,000 to complete energy related engagement and outreach. And supported applications for energy assessments to the town hall, fire house, and town garage.
- Provided letters of support for Middlesex to seek funding for a new salt shed and a town hall planning study.
- Participated in strategy conversation with select board member for municipal planning grant application.
- Drafted new zoning language for Planning Commission consideration following public hearing.
- Prepared survey on natural resources and mapped survey results on interactive map viewer to use in local planning process.
- Drafted new language for Natural Resources chapter of Middlesex Town Plan.
- Participated in Middlesex Energy Fair.
- Completed Bridge and Culvert inventory.
- Facilitated development of public/private partnerships to help cover upfront costs of residential
  weatherization services for residents with low and moderate income and supported WindowDressers
  campaign resulting in storm window inserts for 21 households.
- \*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 municipal and residential 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

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