

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
3 **Draft MINUTES**
4 **May 14, 2024**

5 **Commissioners:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barre City	Janet Shatney, Sec/Treas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moretown	David Stapleton
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Berlin	Robert Wernecke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
<input type="checkbox"/>		Karla Nuissl, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plainfield	Paula Emery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cabot	Brittany Butler	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bob Atchinson, Alt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Calais	John Brabant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico, Chair
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mitch Osiecki, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woodbury	Michael Gray
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<input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Miller, Alt.			

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7 Staff: Christian Meyer, Nancy Chartrand, Brian Voigt, Lincoln Frasca, Sam Lash, Will Pitkin

8 Guests: Bill Colvin, Bennington County Regional Commission; Maddie Russell and Kevin Burke, Vermont
9 Department of Environmental Conservation

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11 **Call to Order:** Chair D'Amico called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, a roll call was completed and quorum was
12 present. Christian advised that Bill Colvin, Bennington County Regional Commission would be attending our
13 meeting tonight as part of an Executive Director peer review process being undertaken by VAPDA. He also
14 noted that Catherine Dimitruk, Northwest Regional Planning Commission was unable to attend this evening, but
15 was planning to view the meeting on video.

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17 **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

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19 **Public Comments:** None

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21 **Regional Plan Readoption Hearing:** *Chair D'Amico opened the public hearing for the Regional Plan Readoption.*
22 This is the first of two public hearings with a second hearing scheduled for July 9, 2024.

1 Alice Peal, Chairman of the Regional Plan Committee provided an overview of the recommendation to move
2 forward with readopting the current 2016 Regional Plan in order to allow more time to thoughtfully and
3 deliberately update the current plan. CVRPC staff and the Regional Plan Committee have continued to move
4 forward with a timeline and outline for an update. It is anticipated that a new 2025 Regional Plan update
5 following re adoption of the current plan will take between 12 and 18 months.

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7 Christian Meyer and Sam Lash provided a presentation of the Regional Plan Assessment report that was
8 required in order to be able to pursue re adoption of the current regional plan. (This presentation will be posted
9 on the website along with meeting minutes).

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11 It was noted that comments related to the Regional Plan Re adoption can be sent via email to
12 cvrpc@cvregion.com prior to June 3, 2024.

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14 It was requested that the Board be updated regularly on the progress of the plan update.

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16 *Chair D'Amico adjourned the public hearing for the Regional Plan Re adoption with a plan to reconvene on July 9,*
17 *2024.*

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19 Brittany Butler and Mitch Osiecki joined the meeting following the above noted roll call.

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21 **FY25 Nominations:** Jerry D'Amico, Chair of the Nominating Committee provided an overview of the
22 recommended slate of officers and committee appointments as outlined in the meeting packet. The floor was
23 opened to additional nominations from the floor for each committee. No additional nominations were heard
24 and a ballot of the slate as presented in the packet will be mailed to Commissioners within five days.

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26 **ARPA 3-Acre Permit Obtainment Assistance (POA) Program:** Maddie Russell and Kevin Burke from the
27 Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) joined the meeting and Maddie provided a
28 presentation on the 3-acre permit obtainment assistance Program (available on the website). This program is
29 established to help developers and landowners obtain funding in order to comply with Act 64. DEC recognizes
30 cost can be a barrier and the program provides support for the design phase (engineering and permit review
31 fees), but not the construction. It was strongly encouraged that applications be submitted before September
32 2024, and noted that a permit must be obtained before August 2026. It was noted that there are 105 sites in
33 Central Vermont but only 20 applications to date. Any questions must go to the DEC stormwater program -
34 maddie.russell@vermont.gov

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36 There was discussion related to town garage eligibility, school eligibility, and the availability of a listing of sites
37 by municipality - [3acreList_09252020.pdf \(vermont.gov\)](#). Also discussed was the outreach to landowners that
38 has taken place to date. DEC is requesting that members help get the word out in their communities about the
39 availability of this funding.

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41 **FEMA Flood Maps Current Status:** Brian Voigt shared a presentation on the FEMA Flood Map Updates and what
42 commissioners should expect in their communities in the coming years. He noted that the Flood Insurance Rate
43 Maps are being updated and when new maps go into effect, FEMA will require town bylaws meet the current
44 standards for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He advised that DEC has produced

1 some model bylaws which have been vetted and approved by FEMA. It was also noted that CVRPC can assist
2 towns to determine what may be needed to update and to assist in the update process. He advised it is
3 important to note that it is not necessary to wait for the new maps in order to start the process of bylaw
4 updates. Deadlines for updating bylaws will be two years from the time working maps have been released.
5 CVRPC has completed a review of zoning, flood hazard and river corridor bylaws for all member municipalities
6 and can assist with updates to existing bylaws, develop new flood hazard and/or river corridor bylaws. In
7 addition, we can support public awareness and engagement, community education, access to relevant
8 information, and adoption of municipal plans and local hazard mitigation plans. Municipal officials can book a
9 consultation with Brian and Lincoln for this assistance @
10 <https://outlook.office365.com/book/CWSP1@cvregion.com/>

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12 **Community Tree Planting Grant:** Lincoln Frasca provided an overview of the Community Tree Planting Grant
13 Program being managed by Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. \$630,000 in funding is available
14 for tree planting and CVRPC can apply on behalf of municipalities if they want assistance. 1st round is due this
15 week – 5/17; however, in January of 2025 there will be the 2nd application round and the money will be split
16 between both rounds. It was also noted that CVRPC could potentially do a consortium application to assist
17 multiple towns. If municipalities have ideas for use of this grant, please feel free to contact Lincoln
18 (frasca@cvregion.com).

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20 **Minutes – (4/9/24):** *Robert Wernecke moved to accept the minutes of April 9th, seconded by Don La Haye.*
21 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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23 **Reports:** *Robert Wernecke moved to accept the reports, seconded by Don La Haye. Motion passed*
24 *unanimously.*

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26 **Adjournment:** *Don La Haye moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm; seconded by Alan Quackenbush. Motion carried.*

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28 Respectfully submitted,
29 Nancy Chartrand, Office Manager
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