

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Draft MINUTES
June 11, 2024

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barre City | Janet Shatney, Sec/Treas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown | David Stapleton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joyce Manchester, Alt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre Town | Alice Farrell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northfield | Royal DeLegge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeff Schulz, Alt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlin | Robert Wernecke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange | Lee Cattaneo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Karla Nuissl, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/> Plainfield | Paula Emery |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> | Mike Miller, Alt. | | |

Staff: Christian Meyer, Nancy Chartrand, Lincoln Frasca, Eli Toohey, Will Pitkin, Keith Cubbon, Reuben MacMartin, Niki Sabado, Kyle Hansen, Jordan Dixon-Gross

Guests: Zoe Christiansen, East Montpelier; Andrew Christiansen, East Montpelier

Call to Order: Chair D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, introductions were completed and a quorum was present.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Public Comments: Zoe Christiansen, a member of Eat Montpelier Planning Commission and Selectboard, shared her concerns about the current housing crisis. She requested towns consider working together and looking closely at what each town has to offer for infrastructure in order to approach housing from a regional perspective, noting that some towns may be better suited for growth, while others are more suited for agriculture and or recreation. She suggested towns consider what new and unique ideas can be identified to address housing needs. Chair D’Amico thanked Ms. Christiansen for speaking and requested that she share her notes.

1 **Moment of Silence in memory of Steve Lotspeich:** Chair D’Amico spoke of Steve’s tenure spanning two
2 decades as a representative of the CVRPC Board and requested a moment of silence.

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4 **Election Results:** Chair D’Amico announced the results of the FY25 elections noting all on the ballot were elected
5 with a majority of votes. New committee appointments include:

6 *Executive Committee: Jerry D’Amico (Chair), Peter Carbee (Vice Chair), Janet Shatney (Secretary/Treasurer),*
7 *Michael Gray (at-large), Alexis Leacock (at-large), Lee Cattaneo (at-large), Paula Emery (at-large)*

8 *Project Review Committee: Robert Wernecke, Bill Arrand, Alice Peal*

9 *Regional Plan Committee: Doug Greason, Michael Miller, John Brabant, Alice Peal, Alice Farrell*

10 *Municipal Plan Review Committee: Bill Arrand, Ron Krauth, Brittany Butler, Michael Gray, Joyce Manchester*

11 *Brownfields Advisory Committee: Jenny Faillace, Peter Carbee, Alice Farrell, Ron Krauth, Janet Shatney, Nicola*
12 *Anderson – Downstreet Housing & Community Development*

13 *Clean Water Advisory Committee: Richard Turner, Ron Krauth, Mitch Osiecki, John Hoogenboom (Moretown*
14 *Selectboard), Alice Peal (Waitsfield Planning Commission), Emily Ruff (Orange Energy Committee)*

15 *Basin Water Quality Council: Royal DeLegge, Richard Turner, Alice Peal (Waitsfield Muni Rep), Annie Costandi*
16 *(Essex Muni Rep), Sara McShane (Stowe Muni Alt)*

17 *Vermont Economic Progress Council: Christian Meyer*

18 *Green Mountain Transit: Christian Meyer, Reuben MacMartin*

19 *CVEDC Regional Project Prioritization: Paula Emery, Doug Greason, Mitch Osiecki*

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21 **Barre City Infill Study:** Christian Meyer and Eli Toohey provided details about the Barre City Infill Analysis. Barre
22 City staff and the Barre City Housing Task Force asked CVRPC to look at near- and long-term flood recovery
23 alternatives for housing in the city. Both public and private properties were taken into consideration as part of
24 the analysis. A printed presentation was shared (posted on website).

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26 CVRPC presented the information to Barre City last week and the City is holding a meeting tonight that is likely
27 discussing the information. Christian noted that this type of data gathering and analysis could also be done for
28 other municipalities and that we will be doing a similar study for Waterbury in the near future.

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30 Discussion ensued related to potential for conversion of large old houses into multi-family, the impact of
31 increased wastewater on the Lake Champlain basin, and the impact of increased development on ancillary
32 services such as fire, police, schools, etc. It was reiterated that Act 250 is important for reviewing impacts as it
33 relates to development.

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35 **Flood Recovery Update and Funding Programs:** Keith Cubbon provided an update on the response to last year’s
36 flood event. It was noted that there is currently \$90,000,000 in FEMA funding available; and this in addition to
37 State match creates an unprecedented opportunity for mitigation projects to take place over the next three to
38 five years. The application deadline for these funds is August 20, 2024. Please contact Keith at CVRPC if your
39 municipality has ideas for mitigation projects to leverage this funding as we are able to assist with the
40 application process. It was reiterated that this is an all hazards grant and can be used for a multitude of
41 mitigation projects, not just flood mitigation.

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43 **Minutes – (5/14/24):** *Robert Wernecke moved to accept the minutes of May 14th, seconded by Don La Haye.*
44 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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Reports: Christian noted that CVRPC has added five new planners as of last year’s annual meeting. In addition, we have planning technicians on board for the summer to work on bridge and culvert inventories throughout the region.

John Brabant moved to accept the reports, seconded by Lexi Leacock. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: *Don La Haye moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm; seconded by Lee Cattaneo. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Chartrand, Office Manager

