

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

**Draft Minutes**

**December 17, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT 05602

Remote Access Via Zoom

**Committee Members:**

X	Alice Peal, Waitsfield Alternate Rep
	Alice Farrell, Barre Town Rep
X	Doug Greason, Waterbury Rep
X	Mike Miller, Montpelier Alternate Rep
X	John Brabant, Calais Rep

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Staff: Eli Toohey, Keith Cubbon, Christian Meyer, Will Pitkin, Niki Sabado (in person)

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

A. Peal adjusted agenda to move scheduling discussion before Infrastructure draft chapter review.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Committee approved November draft minutes. Note: still need to approve October draft minutes, as those were not approved at the November meeting.

**Discussion**

Meeting began at 4:02pm.

Staff presented on the timeline of the new Regional Plan adoption process following changes in Act 181; Future Land Use (FLU) Map needs to be approved by the Land Use Review Board (LRB) by the end of 2025, will be much easier to have the LRB also adopt the entire Regional Plan at the same time, which means CVRPC will have to finish the Regional Plan by April 2025.

Discussion followed to which chapters will be reviewed in each of the coming months and how to involve full CVRPC Board of Commissioners and municipal planning commissions/selectboards in the review process. Committee agreed to meet twice per month for the first few months of 2025. Discussion also included when CVRPC will consult with member municipalities regarding FLU Map and housing targets and consistent formatting/structure across chapters.

Infrastructure draft chapter review: committee and staff discussed whether to split the chapter back into physical and social infrastructure or keep it as one chapter. Staff spoke on the drafting process and the statutory requirements. Committee agreed to stay with one chapter.

Committee discussed approach to aspiration and introduction for the combined chapter; M. Miller

1 presented feedback on specific parts of the chapter. Committee, K. Cubbon, and E. Toohey discussed the  
2 goals and strategies of the draft chapter compared to those of the previous Regional Plan’s chapter  
3 including ones related to flood issues and the use of directive language to give the Regional Plan more  
4 influence in state permitting.  
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6 The committee discussed the strategy moving forward with the Energy Element and settled on an  
7 Energy Chapter with an overview and a more detailed and technical Energy Plan. Committee members  
8 requested drafts in Word documents. Committee discussed timing, requested drafts by 12/27.

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10 Committee discussed schedule for future meetings, decided to meet first and third Tuesdays at 4pm.

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12 M. Miller moved to adjourn, D. Greason seconded, all in favor.

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14 A. Peal adjourned meeting.

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16 Minutes taken by W. Pitkin