



## MEMO

Date: December 30, 2024  
To: CVRPC Board of Commissioners  
From: Niki Sabado on behalf of Municipal Plan Review Committee  
Re: *Washington Town Plan*

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**⊗ ACTIONS REQUESTED: (consideration of the following actions following Municipal Plan Review Committee update)**

- 1) Approve the *Washington Town Plan*.**
- 2) Confirm the planning process of the Town of Washington**
- 3) Adopt the resolution documenting the Washington Plan approval and planning process confirmation by CVRPC.**

Prior to the Special Board meeting on December 30, 2024, the Municipal Plan Review Committee (MPRC) will hold a hearing to consider approval the *2024 Washington Town Plan* and to consider confirmation of Washington's planning process.

The Municipal Plan Review Committee will determine if the *Washington Town Plan* was found to:

- be consistent with the State goals established in section §4302;
- be compatible with the Central Vermont Regional Plan;
- be compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; and
- contain all the elements included in section § 4382.

The Committee will provide an update to the Board regarding approval of the Plan.

The Committee will also consider the Town's planning efforts and provide an update to the Board regarding confirmation of the Town's planning process as noted in the draft resolution provided to the Board.



## RESOLUTION

**Whereas** Title 24, VSA, Section §4350 requires that regional planning commissions, after public notice, shall review the planning process of member municipalities and shall so confirm when a municipality:

1. is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan that is consistent with the goals contained in 24 V.S.A. § 4302;
2. is engaged in a process to implement its municipal plan, consistent with the program for implementation required under 24 V.S.A. § 4382; and
3. is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes;

**Whereas** as part of the consultation process, a regional planning commission shall consider whether a municipality has adopted a plan;

**Whereas** a regional planning commission shall review and approve plans of its member municipalities, when approval is requested and warranted, and a commission shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan:

1. is consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. § 4302;
2. is compatible with its regional plan;
3. is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; and
4. contains all the elements included in 24 V.S.A. § 4382(a)(1)-(12);

**Whereas** the Town of Washington prepared a municipal plan in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117;

**Whereas** the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission concluded that the *2024 Washington Town Plan* meets the requirements for approval; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission:

1. approves the *2024 Washington Town Plan*, adopted November 19, 2024; and
2. consulted with and confirms the planning process of the Town of Washington.

Under 24 V.S.A. § 4350, when an adopted municipal plan expires, its approval and confirmation of the municipality's planning process also expire. Recommendations made by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission are attached and should be considered when developing the next municipal plan.

A municipality that has adopted a plan may define and regulate land development in any manner that the municipality establishes in its bylaws, provided those bylaws are in conformance with the plan and are adopted for the purposes set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 4302.

ADOPTED by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on December 30, 2024.

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Jerry D'Amico, Chair