

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 30, 2024**

Commissioners:

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabot	Brittany Butler	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Atchison, Alt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calais	John Brabant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxbury	Jerry D’Amico, Chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melanie Kehne, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield	Don La Haye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duxbury	David Wendt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alice Peal, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren	Alexis Leacock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Montpelier	Zoe Christiansen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenny Faillace, Alt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarice Cutler, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington	Peter Carbee, Vice Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Fayston	Andrew McNealus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterbury	Doug Greason
<input type="checkbox"/> Marshfield	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williamstown	Richard Turner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middlesex	Ron Krauth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacqueline Higgins, Alt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middlesex	Mitch Osiecki, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury	Michael Gray
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montpelier	Mike Miller, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester	Bill Arrand

Staff: Christian Meyer, Nancy Chartrand, Niki Sabado

Guests: Joshua Bell and Sheila Duranleau; Washington Selectboard; Kara Williams, Washington Planning Commission

Call to Order: Chair D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm, a roll call was completed, and a quorum was present.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Public Comments: None

Washington Municipal Plan Approval and Confirmation of Planning Process: William Arrand, Chair of CVRPC’s Municipal Plan Review Committee advised a meeting was held at 4:00 pm on December 30th for review of the Washington Town Plan. He noted that five representatives from Washington were present. There was discussion of data and maps that could be added to an updated plan in the future. He advised that CVRPC staff reviewed the plan and completed the checklist and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the 2024 Washington Town Plan and confirm their planning process.

1 Christian advised the plan was reviewed by Niki Sabado of CVRPC. He advised there are areas where CVRPC can
2 work with the municipality to make it more robust as they go through a more robust update process and
3 ultimately the plan was found in conformance.

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5 Sheila Duranleau of Washington Selectboard thanked committee and board members for coming together for a
6 special meeting to review the municipal plan ahead of 12/31/24. She provided a brief overview of the process
7 Washington undertook and noted they have recommendations from CVRPC to move forward and produce a
8 plan with updated goals that is visionary for the future. Chair D'Amico reviewed the information for the town
9 plan review as outlined in the packet.

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11 *Peter Carbee moved to approve the Washington Town Plan, seconded by Rich Turner.* Alice Farrell asked if
12 Washington citizens had an opportunity to comment on the plan. Niki Sabado provided an overview of the
13 timeline for public hearings held in the Town of Washington and the CVRPC hearing held this afternoon. David
14 Stapleton asked what town encountered writing the plan and what they learned. Peter Carbee advised that the
15 plan update for Washington has been a long-term process interrupted by COVID, and worked on by members
16 from the Planning Commission, members of the Selectboard, and some members of the public. They would
17 have liked more participation from the public, and they will be attempting to gain more public participation in
18 the next 6-9 months as they update the plan. Sheila Duranleau added that as Chair of the Selectboard they
19 learned they need a lot of assistance with community engagement and are hopeful CVRPC can help them with
20 that. She noted a challenge of organizing around community engagement, updating their data and having
21 meaningful discussions around the data so they can have a plan that has vision for the town for the future. A lot
22 of the plan is currently historical and needs more vision and goals for the future. *Vote was called and the motion*
23 *passed unanimously.*

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25 *William Arrand moved to confirm the planning process of the Town of Washington, seconded by David Stapleton.*
26 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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28 Chair D'Amico read the proposed resolution into the record.

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30 *Richard Turner moved to approve the resolution, seconded by John Brabant. Motion passed unanimously.*

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32 Christian thanked all the commissioners for gathering for this special meeting and noted how this approval
33 allows Washington to pursue funding and grants to continue work they are already doing.

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35 **Adjournment:** *Don LaHaye moved to adjourn at 6:22 pm; seconded by Peter Carbee. Motion passed*
36 *unanimously.*

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38 Respectfully submitted,
39 Nancy Chartrand, Office Manager