



## Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

### MUNICIPAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:00 pm

*Hybrid Meeting with Remote Participation via Zoom*

#### **Present:**

Committee Members: Michael Gray, Ron Krauth, Bill Arrand, Joyce Manchester

Others: Gerry D'Amico, Peter Carbee, Josh Bell, Ryan Bresette, Alice Peal, John Brabant, Gary Winders, Kara Williams, Niki Sabado, Christian Meyer

Bill Arrand, as presiding officer, opened the meeting at 4:01.

#### **Changes to the Agenda**

No Changes

#### **Public Comments**

No Comments

#### **Elections**

Joyce Manchester nominated Bill Arrand for Chair. Bill Arrand called the vote. Bill Arrand elected Chair

Bill Arrand nominated Joyce Manchester for Vice Chair. Bill Arrand called the vote. Joyce Manchester elected Vice Chair

#### **Public Hearing**

Bill Arrand opened the public hearing at 4:06.

Representatives of the Washington Selectboard present. Sheila Duranleau and Josh Bell.

Representatives of the Washington Planning Commission present: Gary Winders (Chair), Kara Williams, and Ryan Bresette

Other representatives from Washington present: Peter Carbee

Sheila Duranleau shared her appreciation for the efforts of the committee and commission members and provided background on the town plan approval process dating back to 2021.

Gary Winders Spoke in support of the plan noting that this is a plan conceived and adopted by the boards and committees of Washington.

Alice Peal asked about how the plan was written and followed up with questions about forest fragmentation and housing. Sheila Duranleau spoke to how the town is thinking about housing and how the town will need to address flood risk in the future.

Joyce Manchester noted that much of the data seemed dated and wondered if CVRPC can develop a data set for each of the member communities.

Michael Gray asked where the need came from to expedite the process and about when the updates to the data were expected to take place. Niki reviewed the statutory requirements and noted that the plan, as presented, meets the State requirements and spoke to forthcoming requirements. She further stated that the CVRPC is available to help the town with data updates and mapping needs.

Peter Carbee added that the town requested the approval before the end of the calendar year to enable the town to pursue Municipal Planning Grant funding. Sheila Duranleau noted an approved plan will be needed for other grant programs that the municipality wants to work toward.

Bill Arrand closed the public hearing at 4:36

**Recommendations to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners:**

*Joyce Manchester moved to recommend confirmation of the Town of Washington municipal planning process to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners. Ron Krauth seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Ron Krauth moved to recommend approval of the 2024 Washington Town Plan to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners. Michael Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Joyce Manchester moved to accept the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Municipal Plan Review Committee meeting. Bill Arrand seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Michael Gray moved to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Manchester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bill Arrand adjourned the meeting at 6:48.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
Christian Meyer