

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

February 10, 2026

Commissioners:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre City	Janet Shatney, Sec/Treas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown	David Stapleton
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calais	John Brabant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montpelier	Mike Miller		

Staff: Christian Meyer, Nancy Chartrand, Barbara Petrie, Kari Pelletiere, Brian Voigt, Reuben MacMartin, Brian Voight, Samantha Lash, Lincoln Frasca, Keith Cubbon, Eli Toohey, Niki Sabado, Lory Banbury
 Guests: Stephen Whitaker – Resident of Montpelier, Karen Hatcher - Plainfield Community Development Corp, Suzanne Armor, Attorney

Call to Order: Chair Carbee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Chair Carbee acknowledged and thanked Nancy Chartrand, for her service and invited a large round of applause. He introduced and welcomed Barbara Petrie as the new Office Manager who began on February 2.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Public Comments: None

Open Meeting Law Resolution: Christian Meyer provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law Resolution; that it stipulates when all committees, both non-advisory and advisory will meet as part of their regular meeting schedule.

Richard Turner moved to adopt the 2026-01 Open Meeting Law Resolution, seconded by Janet Shatney.

Stephen Whitaker offered public comment regarding the sufficiency of the Commission’s current meeting notice posting. Commissioner Emery shared that while the notices may be forwarded to town offices with the request to post, there is no guarantee of follow-through.

As there was no further discussion, Chair Carbee called the question for the Resolution previously moved and seconded. There was no opposition or abstention. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Basin Water Quality Council Committee Appointment: Christian Meyer provided a summary of the information outlined in the packet. The Winooski Basin Water Quality Council went through the Nominating Committee where they moved to recommend the Board of Commissioners appoint Rachel Tobler as municipal alternate to the Basin Water Quality Council.

Royal DeLegge moved to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint Rachel Tobler to the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council, seconded by David Stapleton.

Chair Carbee called the question. There was no opposition or abstention. *Motion passed unanimously.*

CVRPC Conflict with Montpelier Plan: Christian Meyer provided an overview of the information outlined in the packet, reviewed attorney’s input regarding key points related to Country Club Road. In summary, the counsel found there was no conflict with the Montpelier Plan. There was no request for further discussion, and no action was taken

Requests for Letters of Compatibility: Christian Meyer provided an overview of the information outlined in the packet regarding these three requests. He explained that the structure of the draft letters differs depending on staff writing it and the complexity of the project as well as how much was understood of the final scope.

City of Montpelier - Parks Connector Trail - VT Forest Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program

The project is fairly advanced in its planning. They are building a trail connecting Hubbard Park with North Branch. Of note, it goes through a Class 2 wetland containing existing boardwalks to protect the area, which would be rebuilt and extended to complete the trail. Some of this has been mitigated by design, individual wetland permits have been secured. Commissioner Peal asked for verification of the accessibility of the changes to the repairs and extensions being made. Christian Meyer said he would get an answer and confirm.

City of Montpelier – Highway Improvements at Intersection Route 2 and Country Club Road – Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program

This project involves the City of Montpelier building a utility extension and highway improvements of US Route 2 and Country Club Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peal to table voting on this Letter of Compatibility, seconded by Commissioner Brabant, until TAC, the Transportation Advisory Committee have their meeting on February 24 at which time the TAC has requested to re-examine the design of the roadwork in question and the Board has further time to ask questions and discuss.

There was discussion around letter due dates and when the various decision and advisory committees would be meeting in order to make an informed decision. Christian Meyer shared that the Board of Commissioners can issue Letters of Compatibility, but they have also designated the power to do so to the Project Review Committee. They would have the authority to submit a letter with input from TAC on behalf of CVRPC. The Board would either ratify or rescind that letter at their next meeting.

Chair Carbee called the question on the motion to table discussion on this Letter of Compatibility. Roll call was taken.

Barre City	Janet Shatney	No	Moretown	David Stapleton	Yes
Barre Town	Alice Farrell	Yes	Northfield	Royal DeLegge	No
Berlin	Robert Wernecke	No	Orange	Lee Cattaneo	No

Cabot	Brittany Butler	Yes	Plainfield	Paula Emery	Yes
Calais	John Brabant	Yes	Roxbury	Jerry D’Amico	No
Duxbury	David Wendt	Yes	Waitsfield	Alice Peal	Yes
E. Montpelier	Alexander Rob	Yes	Warren	Jim Crafts	No
Marshfield	Amy Monahan	Yes	Washington	Peter Carbee	No
Middlesex	Ron Krauth	Yes	Williamstown	Richard Turner	No
			Woodbury	Michael Gray	Yes
Montpelier	Mike Miller	No	Worcester	Bill Arrand	Yes

With 12 yes, 9 No and 0 abstentions the motion passes.

Stephen Whitaker was given the opportunity to speak to the item under discussion

Plainfield Community Development Corporation – Water, Wastewater and Roads for Village Expansion Project - Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program

Christian reviewed this project, which involves Plainfield’s application for infrastructure and utilities to support 22 new homes. There was further discussion and questions regarding the possible impacts of this project. Commissioner Emery, noted that there was a lot of housing loss as a result of the 2023 flood. Commissioner Cattaneo wondered if the Montpelier Project and the Plainfield project were being treated inconsistently. Commissioner Butler and Commissioner Rob offered the opinion that there will be little impact from this project and will only assist the local community. Commissioners discussed the advantages of having the committees include and request more information when bringing these before them for voting. It was clarified that Marshfield is not a part of this project.

Karen Hatcher representing the Plainfield Community Development Corp was recognized by Chair Carbee. She explained the request for this letter is so that it could be part of the grant.

Stephen Whitaker was given the opportunity to speak to the item under discussion.

Commissioner Brabant moved that staff submit the Letter of Compatibility as drafted, seconded by Commissioner D’Amico to Plainfield Community Development Corporation for the Village Expansion Project. Chair Carbee called the question on the motion moved and seconded. There was no opposition or abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brabant moved that staff submit the Letter of Compatibility as drafted, seconded by Commissioner Peal to City of Montpelier for the Parks Connector Trail Project. Chair Carbee called the question on the motion moved and seconded. There was no opposition or abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – (1/13/26 & 1/29/26):

Commissioner Cattaneo moved to accept the minutes of January 13 and January 29, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Butler.

CORRECTIONS: to January 29, 2026 minutes. Commissioner DeLegge was present at this meeting. Jeff Schultz was removed from the list as Northfield alternate. There was no opposition or abstention. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Reports:

Christian Meyer reviewed what was in the packet. He noted we received a records request from a member of the public for all commissioner email addresses, he further advised he is looking into opportunities to provide commissioners with an RPC email address.

Commissioner D'Amico moved to accept the Staff and Committee reports, seconded by Robert Wernecke. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: There was no Executive Session.

Pending or Probable Civil Litigation: Suzanne Armor joined meeting at 7:52. With regard to the petitioner's request, and the motions to dismiss filed on behalf of CVRPC and the state, the court issued an order to grant both CVRPC and the state motions to dismiss and shortly thereafter the petitioner filed a motion seeking a stay. CVRPC and the state filed memos in opposition. Petitioner made responses to both and currently all is before the Superior Court who will decide whether to grant the stay. Counsel Armor said she would continue to advise.

Stephen Whitaker was given the opportunity to speak to the item under discussion

Commissioner Round Table: No items were shared at this time.

Adjournment: *Commissioner Cattaneo moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm; seconded by Commissioner Gray. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Petrie, Office Manager