

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 14, 2026

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☒	Mitch Osiecki, Alt.	☒ Worcester	Bill Arrand
☒ Montpelier	Aaron Kisicki		
☒	Mike Miller, Alt.		

Staff: Christian Meyer, Barbara Petrie, Reuben MacMartin, Elizabeth Opladen (Summer Planning Tech), Addison Hardt (Summer Planning Tech).

Guests: None

Members of the Public: Steven Whitaker, Montpelier resident; Thomas Weiss, Montpelier resident
Christian noted that Aaron Kosicki would be joining as a new Commissioner to the board for Montpelier and Mike Miller would become the Alternate. He is the Chair of the Montpelier Planning Commission. Aaron gave a brief self-introduction. CVRPC planning techs, Addison and Elizabeth also gave brief introductions. Chistian added that Teddy Jorgensen is a third planning tech but was wrapping up his time later in the week.

Call to Order: Chair Carbee confirmed meeting was being recorded, called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm, roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Public Comments: Chair Carbee reminded attendees that public comments would be limited to 3 minutes. Mr. Whitaker shared his opinion regarding the importance of developing and documenting a meaningful public participation process before holding hearings on the Future Land Use Map, emphasizing his feeling that the current tool lacks reasoning and clear property designations. Mr. Weiss commented on the draft Regional Plan, highlighting what he viewed as a lack of evaluation of the previous plan's successes and failures, particularly in chapters on natural resources, working lands, and transportation. Mr. Weiss suggested revising the plan to include achievements and explanations for retaining or changing strategies.

Commissioner Brabant requested that staff include an invitation to a representative from LURB to our next (September) meeting to speak about issues brought up by public commenters and perhaps provide a more informational path to a more inclusive public comment and participation.

Accusation of Open Meeting Law Violation – June 18, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting: Christian directed all present to the information in the packet. He stated that the general issue at hand was very similar to the open meeting law violations discussed at the previous meetings, that there was not a need for a meeting, and as no meeting took place within 10 days following the notice of accusation, it qualifies as a de facto denial of the accusation. VLCT recommended addressing this on CVRPC's record, rather than just letting it fall through the cracks.

*Chair Carbee called for a motion to ratify the denial of Open Meeting Law Violation against Open Meeting Law Violation against the CVRPC Board of Commissioners dated June 18, 2026. Commissioner Wendt moved the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Arrand. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Accept Meeting Minutes – 6/9/2026 & 6/18/2026: *Chair Carbee called for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2026, and June 18, 2026, Board of Commissioners meetings; the motion was moved by Commissioner Cattaneo and seconded by Commissioner Gray.*

There was some discussion regarding whether Commissioner Kosicki's vote was valid at this time and what constituted his "certification." While it was mostly agreed what was in hand proved him to be, a roll call was taken to confirm his vote was certified:

Yes

Janet Shatney, Barre City
John Brabant, Calais
David Wendt, Duxbury
Alex Robb, East Montpelier
Andrew McNealus, Fayston
Ron Krauth, Middlesex
Deb Sargent, Moretown
Royal DeLegge, Northfield
Lee Cattaneo, Orange
Paula Emery, Plainfield
Jerry D'Amico, Roxbury
Alice Peal, Waitsfield
Jim Crafts, Warren
Peter Carbee, Washington

No

Abstain

Aaron Kisicki, Montpelier

Doug Greason, Waterbury
Rich Turner, (not available to speak but was present)
Michael Gray, Woodbury
Bill Arrand, Worcester

With 17 voting to accept his certification, the motion passed.

FY 25 Audit Report: Christian presented this to the Board. There were no findings, resulting in a clean audit.

FY 27 Budget & Workplan: Christian discussed these, highlighting a new \$750K Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant for a hydraulic H & H model for the Winooski Basin down through some neighboring towns downriver of Waterbury.

Commissioner Peal shared information about an upcoming Department of Environmental Conservation watershed planning program on hydrology and hydraulics scheduled for September 23rd.

Letters of Compatibility: Christian explained that our guidelines require any new transportation-focused projects go through the full Board of Commissioners or the Project Review Committee. The Project Review Committee felt a determination could not be made with the information available, and these projects should be brought before the full Board. Reuben gave a summary of each project to those present.

Waitsfield – Mad River Path Active Transportation Corridor - *Chair Carbee called for a motion to endorse the letter of recommendation for Waitsfield Mad River Path Active Transportation Corridor. The motion was moved by Commissioner Cattaneo and seconded by Commissioner Greason. There was no discussion or abstention. Motion passed unanimously.*

Warren – Mad River Path Active Transportation Corridor - *Chair Carbee called for a motion to endorse the letter of recommendation for Warren Mad River Path Active Transportation Corridor. The motion was moved by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Greason. There was no discussion or abstention. Motion passed unanimously.*

Waterbury – Sidewalk Extension & Improvements – *A motion to endorse the letter of recommendation for Waterbury Sidewalk Extension & Improvements was moved by Commissioner Wendt and seconded by Commissioner Brabant. There was discussion among those present regarding safety issues and flood washouts. There was no further discussion or abstention. Motion passed unanimously.*

Executive Director Updates: Rules of Meeting Conduct; Regional Plan; Commissioner Outreach: Christian relayed updates on the regional plan adoption process, including upcoming meeting with the LURB and distribution of maps to town clerks and libraries. Christian reminded Commissioners he has provided some draft template language they can use for spreading the word on local forums.

Christian shared how planners were meeting with communities one on one regarding the methodology on the FLU mapping, how it was created, and providing opportunities for questions to be asked and answered.

Commissioner Brabant shared that he'd reached out to Jim Condos as discussed in June's Board of Commissioners meeting. While Mr. Condos is still reviewing his schedule, Commissioner Brabant asked the Board to continue to consider keeping an invitation open to him speaking at our next meeting, currently scheduled for September.

Commissioner Wendt suggested it might be helpful if staff could put together a couple of key links for the public to better understand the Future Land Use Map. Commissioner Peal agreed with these comments and noted that the schedules of meetings of the Regional Plan Committee and the Public Hearing meetings with LURB will be very tight for reviews and so on. Commissioner Cattaneo mentioned that the map could be confusing based on it showing existing designations versus future ones and perhaps, they should be labeled as such.

Accept Committee and Staff Reports (June): *Chair Carbee called for a motion to accept the Committee and Staff Reports. The motion was moved by Commissioner Cattaneo and seconded by Commissioner DeLegge. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Commissioner Round Table: None

Adjournment: *Commissioner Carbee called for a motion to adjourn, moved by Commissioner Cattaneo, seconded by Commissioner Peal. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Petrie, Office Manager