CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Regional Plan Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2026

29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT 05602
Remote Access Via Zoom

Committee Members:	
X	Doug Greason, Waterbury Representative, Chair
X	Alice Farrell, Berlin Representative
	Brittany Butler, Cabot Representative
X	John Brabant, Calais Representative, Vice-Chair

Staff: Brian Voigt, Christian Meyer, Kari Pelletiere, Lorraine Banbury
Public: Steven Whitaker, Montpelier; Thomas Weiss, Montpelier

D. Greason called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 pm. Roll call was taken.

Adjustments to the Agenda

D. Greason requested to add a discussion of filling the empty seat on the committee after approval of the meeting minutes. The rest of the Committee agreed.

Public Comment

S. Whitaker, on behalf of himself and ASAP4CV, discussed his objections to the Regional Plan filed with the Land Use Review Board (LURB). S. Whitaker raised concerns about the need for a capacity study, parcel level verification of every Planned Growth Area, and readable parcel level maps for all 23 towns available to the public before the hearings. He noted that the mapping methodology had not come before the Board of Commissioners for a vote and requested two hearings with the full Board of Commissioners. He asked if CVRPC would file a new conformance report or rely on the checklist submitted and whether the committee would consider issues raised in the objections during the plan update.

Approval of Minutes – October 6, 2026

J. Brabant indicated there was a typo on page two line nine. A. Farrell

moved to accept the October 6, 2026 draft meeting minutes, as amended. J. Brabant seconded. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Filling the Empty Seat on the Committee

The Committee discussed the need to fill the empty seat to ensure that a quorum can be reached at future meetings. Staff stated that they would reach out to all Commissioners and would schedule the Nominating Committee's next meeting. Staff also discussed the potential of nominating an alternate member.

The Board Adopted the Regional Plan. Now what?

Staff provided an update on the Regional Plan adoption process, noting that the LURB has not yet deemed the application complete, three objections have been filed with the LURB, and the LURB's public hearing will likely be held in early December.

Committee Perspective: Priority Issues for the Regional Plan Update

The Committee discussed document length, chapter format and approach, and revisited how policies are presented. D. Greason noted that user access/ease of finding information was important and A. Farrell elaborated that a glossary/definition section would be useful.

Staff Perspective: An Inventory of Assets & Priority Issues for the Regional Plan Update

Staff discussed the existing draft Aspiration, Goals, Policies and Strategies and reviewed other content that could be added or improved, such as including a regional profile, integrating climate change as a thread, and contextualizing environmental justice.

Staff and the Committee evaluated what worked and did not work for outreach and public participation and brainstormed communication strategies going forward. Staff identified benchmarks to assess document length and readability.

S. Whitaker asked the Committee to consider the issues raised in his objections to the Regional Plan. J. Brabant noted that it is the LURB's responsibility to determine conformance with statute. T. Weiss encouraged the Committee to base the chapters on the requirements listed in statute,

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embed the language from statute at the beginning of a chapter, and expressed that community outreach should consider relevance to landowners.

Regional Plan Update Timeline

Staff indicated that there is an internal calendar/tool to prepare a timeline for future updates to the plan. Staff conveyed that the timeline is malleable, would align with the Community Investment Program, and clarified that while the deadline for a new plan is 2034, updates are expected in the next two years.

Adjournment

A. Farrell moved to adjourn. J. Brabant seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kari Pelletiere.

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