

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Thursday, July 13, 2017
5 TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT
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Members Present

Ken Belliveau, Williston – PAC Rep
Heather Danis – ECOS Steering Committee Rep
Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg - Board Rep
Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington – TAC Rep
Edmund Booth - ECOS Steering Committee Rep
Lisa Falcone – Board Rep

Staff

Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Emily Nosse-Leirer, Planner

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9 **1. Welcome and Introductions**

10 Regina Mahony called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

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12 **2. Approve Minutes**

13 Justin Rabidoux made a motion, seconded by Edmund Booth, to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017, with
14 the correction that Ken Belliveau was not in attendance. MOTION PASSED. Lisa Falcone abstained.

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16 **3. Energy Planning**

17 Regina Mahony explained that we've been working on the siting policy following the May Board discussion;
18 and we've also received some feedback from the municipalities and the Department of Public Service.

19 Melanie Needle added that we've reviewed the municipal constraints and kept the "100% no build" areas in
20 the known constraint list; and updated the map accordingly. Ken Belliveau stated that Central Vermont RPC
21 included the state shoreline protection area as a regional constraint. It may be something that we might want
22 to consider as a regional constraint.

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24 Melanie Needle went through the draft memo for the CCRPC Board's July meeting, for feedback from the
25 LRPC. Discussion/recommendations included:

- 26 • We are still clarifying whether we can delete the existing renewable generation from the generation
27 target. If we can, our target is relatively minimal.
- 28 • Provide context – municipal conversations, sources for the data, who is saying we have to do this,
29 broader context beyond our region.
- 30 • Recommendation to display the first table with 3 columns so you can see how the math translates
31 between now and 2050.
- 32 • From whom we've received municipal input isn't clear – summarize in one sentence.
- 33 • Using the Plan in a regulatory way could get tricky. In South Burlington, the landfill would be a good
34 place, but it also has a known constraint on it. There could be unintended negative consequences.
- 35 • The purpose of the plan is for two purposes: create a budget for the targets; and substantial deference.
36 However even with substantial deference, the plan is advisory not regulatory.
- 37 • Put the options, with pros and cons, in a table so that the options are easier to compare to each other.
- 38 • Make shall and should clearer so you can see the distinction.
- 39 • For national and state forest land, what can we do at the local level? You can be more restrictive, not
40 less than the state constraints.
- 41 • There was some discussion about what changes we expect to see as the municipalities do this work in
42 their plans at the local level; and how to address incompatibility.

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44 **4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

45 Emily Nosse-Leirer provided an overview of the schedule going forward. We have not been able to put much
46 effort into this section, since we've been focused on the energy element. We plan to update the existing

1 conditions, SWOT analysis and key issues; and then the strategies/actions for September. Then we will reach
2 out to the municipalities in September. Andrea Morgante asked if we can add stormwater infrastructure to the
3 CEDS list; and make it clear that green infrastructure is good and useful and not necessarily expensive
4 infrastructure work. Andrea Morgante also asked about ticks, and the ramifications on recreation and the
5 tourism economy. There was some discussion regarding keeping the CEDS list as a utility/facility list; while
6 we can add actions to address other types of programmatic work. Add renewable energy generation facility
7 projects as municipal facilities to the CEDS list.
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9 **5. Transportation Plan Update**

10 Regina gave an update of where we are with the MTP. Jason provided where we want to be with an update of
11 the existing conditions at a regional level now in comparison to a no-build in the future. And the specific
12 comparisons that we will do.
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14 Ken Belliveau asked about the VMT chart on page 2 of the current conditions. We should add more data to
15 this and show the long-term trends (perhaps from 2000, then it would show the years leading up to the
16 recession and after). Justin Rabidoux stated that the automated traffic count data shows similar patterns as
17 well. Justin Rabidoux stated that Dave Roberts gave a good presentation a few years ago at the TAC about
18 these trends.
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20 **6. Next Meeting**

21 August 17, 2017 from 8:30am to 10:00am.

22 **10. Adjourn**

23 The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.
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25 Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony