



CCRPC Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm

Location: CCRPC Office, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT.

Attendees: Justin Dextrauder (Chair), Bob Henneberger, Jeannine McCrumb, Edmund Booth, Andrea Morgante, Heather Danis, Lisa Falcone, and Jim Donovan

CCRPC Staff: Emily Nosse-Leirer and Regina Mahony

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The LRPC introduced themselves and explained their affiliations.
2. **Approve Minutes from October 14, 2015.** Bob Henneberger made a motion, seconded by Jeannine McCrumb to approve the minutes from October 14, 2015 with the addition of Lisa Falcone and Charlie Baker as attendees. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED. Jim Donovan abstained.
3. **ECOS Plan Amendments.** Staff review the proposed amendments to the following sections and the LRPC provided comments:
 - a. Growth Relative Adjacent Regions – The LRPC agreed with the draft as written. There was a suggestion that we look at transportation and all hazard mitigation plan sections of the other regional plans as well to see if there are any issues or concerns that should be mentioned.
 - b. Flood Resiliency – The LRPC agreed with the general strategy to incorporate flood resiliency into Sections 2.2.1, 2.3.3, 2.5.4, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 rather than create a separate section as so much of the flood resiliency element is already included in the Plan. The Plan will also refer to the All Hazard Mitigation Plan that contains much more information regarding this topic. There was a recommendation to bring attention to the fact that we are seeing more flood events, and this is a concept that should be in the ECOS Plan, in addition to the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was also suggested that we incorporate the AHMP draft strategies into the existing actions

- under Section 3.2.3, rather than add new actions if possible.
- c. Earth Extraction – There were some recommended text edits and a suggestion to clarify the huge economic value of these resources, and the reality of increasing construction costs as we exhaust them.
 - d. Utility & Facility Section - The LRPC reviewed the revisions to the sections within the Utility & Facility section and had the following suggestions:
 - i. Distinguish between the number of schools and governing bodies (use a map if possible to show the supervisory unions and the school districts); describe the change in legislation that made consolidation easier and describe all efforts (both successful and un-successful) that have taken place since that legislation.
 - ii. Remove reference to bookmobiles in the library section as it is not likely to be complete information. Add that reciprocal agreements exist in all Chittenden County libraries with the exception of Burlington.
 - iii. Add a reference to the Energy Siting Committee’s work and the likelihood of RPC’s further involvement in renewal energy locations in the future to Strategy 2, #4.c.
 - iv. Under Govt/Admin Facilities explain the ratio between volunteer and professional fire and rescue departments and the trouble recruiting volunteers – if not already described in the Plan. Reference the AHMP and add the number of jails. Also explain the merger work going on in Essex and Essex Junction.
 - v. Under hospitals it was recommended that we assess and explain whether we have enough capacity to meet the demand for long-term care, mental health and drug addiction recovery facilities.
 - vi. Throughout these sections it was recommended to simply include a reference to the location of further assessment if it exists within the Plan already.
 - e. Child Care – there was a recommendation to clarify the fourth sentence under the key issues section. It was also recommended to clarify strategies 2 and 3 to more accurately describe what CCRPC or other specific partners are going to do. CCRPC Staff will also review the Blue Ribbon recommendations to determine if we do indeed want to work towards implementation of them.
4. **Next Meetings.** The following list includes the proposed timeline for the remaining LRPC meetings:
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
5. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.