

Chittenden County Municipal Legislative Breakfast

December 18, 2014

Agenda

7:30 Registration, breakfast, and networking

7:50 Introductions

7:55 Welcome

8:00 Jobs & Economy Discussion

State –

- 1. Invest in improving a strategically coordinated system of workforce development to address the needs of our growing employers, particularly in the areas of advanced manufacturing and information technology.**
- 2. Support and incent investments in research and development that drive product development, job retention and job creation.**

Municipalities –

1. Continue to implement zoning and capital investments to support employment growth and housing that is affordable in areas planned for growth.
2. Work positively with Global Foundries and other growing employers to address their needs.

Regional –

1. GBIC helps understand employer needs and support access to programs.
2. CCRPC and GBIC/Chamber support smart growth development that provides appropriate locations for healthy business growth and housing that is affordable.
3. CCRPC supports transportation demand management programs to facilitate job growth.

8:15 Smart Growth to provide quality places for employees to work and residents to live - Discussion

State –

- 1. Prioritize investments in areas planned for growth, especially transportation projects including the CIRC alternatives and other programmed projects.**
- 2. Look for ways to make the permitting system (State agencies, Act 250, and municipal) more efficient and effective for development in areas planned for growth.**

Municipalities –

1. Continue to enact improved zoning in areas planned for growth to make it easier to achieve the types of development patterns called for in our municipal and regional plans, including increasing the supply of housing.
2. Continue to make capital investments to support this development.

Regional –

1. Continue to invest in transit services, good land use and transportation planning, and bylaw improvement.

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2. Work with VTrans and District Commissions on transportation improvement districts and new strip development criteria.

8:30 State and Municipal Budgets Discussion

State –

1. **Evaluate and develop improvements to the education property tax system to reduce high annual increases in the face of declining enrollment.**
2. **Evaluate and develop methods to pay for or revise health care reforms to reduce high annual increases for health insurance.**

Municipalities –

1. Work to control municipal budgets and coordinate with school boards to minimize budget increases.
2. Evaluate opportunities for shared or regional services with schools and other municipalities.

Regional –

1. Evaluate interest of municipalities in shared or regional services. Will support next steps to help ease pressures on municipal budgets.
2. Evaluate alternative organizational and financing structures for shared services.

8:45 Water Quality Discussion

State –

1. **Enact effective legislation and funding to implement the TMDL Plan to clean up Lake Champlain and all waters in State.**

Municipalities –

1. MS4 permittees will continue work to implement their permit requirements, including capital projects, operating programs, and bylaw revisions as needed.
2. Non-MS4 towns will start learning from the MS4 communities.

Regional –

1. CCRPC will continue to support the MS4 permittees in meeting the public education and public involvement requirements.
2. Additional assistance in supporting flow restoration planning and technical assistance on green infrastructure and low impact development will be provided.

9:00 Adjourn