**Planning Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Remote Access Meeting Only via Zoom

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**Agenda**

2:30  Welcome and Introductions, Joss Besse

2:35  Approval of June 10, 2020 Minutes*

2:40  ArcGIS Urban Demo, Melanie Needle

ESRI will conduct an ArcGIS Urban demo. CCRPC has investigated this tool for use in 3D visualization of conceptual future development scenarios. The purpose of the demo is to show the PAC what this tool is capable of and to gauge interest. If Chittenden County municipalities are interested in it, CCRPC will continue to explore a license for it.

3:30  2019 Housing Data, Melanie Needle

Melanie Needle will present the final 2019 housing data and map.

3:40  Future PAC Meeting Topics, Regina Mahony

3:45  Regional Act 250/Section 248 Projects on the Horizon - Please email Regina and Taylor with any projects on the horizon.

3:50  Other Business

a. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Congress of the New Urbanism (CNU) is pleased announce the completion of [Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods](https://www.cnu.org/policy/documents/EnablingBetterPlaces.pdf). This how-to manual promotes practical, small steps that Vermont’s cities, towns and villages can take to address widespread regulatory barriers that limit the choice of conveniently located homes available at prices Vermont’s people can afford.

b. CCRPC Funding Directory – now live and searchable on the website: [https://www.ccrpcvt.org/funding-opportunities/](https://www.ccrpcvt.org/funding-opportunities/).

c. New building energy codes are in effect as of 9/1/2020. Here is the webpage with more details: [https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/building-energy-standards-update](https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/building-energy-standards-update)

d. The VT DEC issued General Permit 3-9050 (The “3-acre General Permit”). The new general permit will go into effect on December 1, 2020. The Final GP 3-9050 is available here: [https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/9050](https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/9050).

e. NNECAPA and STAR Initiative Lessons in New Ruralism: Read [Lessons in New Ruralism - Fall 2020](https://www.nnecapa.org/learn/lessons-in-new-ruralism) to learn

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about some of the key ingredients of successful grassroots initiatives and lessons shared.

f.  NNECAPA 20/20 Vision Check: Lessons in Hindsight, Planning with Foresight, September 30th & October 1st.

4:00  Adjourn

* = Attachment

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2020

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting with link as published on the agenda

Members Present:
Joss Besse, Bolton
Garret Mott, Buels Gore
Eric Vorwald, Winooksi
Matt Boulanger, Williston
Larry Lewack, Bolton
Paul Conner, South Burlington
Darren Schibler, Essex
Owiso Makuku, Essex
Ravi Venkataraman, Richmond
Alex Weinhausen, Hinesburg
Dean Pierce, Shelburne
Meagan Tuttle, Burlington
David White, Burlington
Sarah Hadd, Colchester (left at 3:30pm)

Staff:
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Taylor Newton, Senior Planner
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Charlie Baker, Executive Director

Other:
Caroline Reynolds, Burlington Intern (left after
CENSUS training)

1. Welcome and Introductions
Joss Besse called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. Approval of April 8, 2020 Minutes
David White made a motion, seconded by Ravi Venkataraman, to approve the April 8, 2020 minutes. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED. Garret Mott abstained.

3. Census Website Training
Melanie Needle shared tips and tricks on using the Census’ new website: data.census.gov, since American Factfinder was decommissioned as of March 2020. Melanie also stated that the Center for Rural Studies will host a training on Wednesday, June 24th at 2:30pm; and that Chrome is the preferred browser for data.census.gov

Melanie provided tutorials on the following:
Geographic Profile
Comparative Profiles – compares data over time and runs statistical significance tests for you;
Searching for tables – advanced search and browse through the filters. Recommend starting with Geography. A municipality is a County Subdivision: Vermont: Chittenden County: Charlotte. Filter first to your town (you’ll see this filter at the bottom) and then go to the topic you want.
Customizing/filtering tables – You can download, map the data and customize/filter the tables.
Exporting

4. I-89 Study
Eleni Churchill provided a presentation on the I-89 study. Eleni stated that Task 3: Corridor Vision and Goals has been completed, and an initial evaluation of the intersections has been completed. As a result of this initial evaluation Exits 12B, 13 & 14 will move forward for further evaluation. However, that does not mean the Study will necessarily call for improvements at those exits. Further evaluation will be done before a set of actions/strategies can be recommended. And these actions could include improvements in a variety of areas: increased transit, technology improvements, etc. Discussion from the PAC included questions about what the Study say about the other exits that
are not moving forward for evaluation (Exit 10A and 17N – while there are local economic benefits, these won’t appear to address the future regional capacity challenges); data; how the first round of exit evaluations met the ECOS Plan (this was simply a determination of what percentage of land area within 1 mile buffer of the exit is within the planned for growth); and what the 12B hybrid looks like. Eleni showed the image of Exit 13 hybrid. Staff will email the powerpoint to the PAC.

5. Funding Directory Review
Taylor Newton provided the PAC with a funding directory spreadsheet that he put together as a resource. The intent is to ultimately get this on CCRPC’s website in a searchable way. This will be updated annually. Darren Schibler indicated that this is a helpful resource, and asked if it is on the web site yet. The spreadsheet will automatically download from the link on the PAC page (https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/planning-advisory-committee/). However, that isn’t yet in the final form.

6. S.237 Comments
This item was added to the agenda. Regina Mahony apologized for sending this out at such short notice, and then revising the comments again at 11:30am. Regina stated that the draft comments regarding Section 2 of this bill that includes amendments to the zoning enabling statute are going beyond what VPA decided on Monday afternoon. Regina indicated that she is feeling personally obligated to set the bar higher for our zoning in order to right some of the inequities that zoning has perpetuated. Regina added that she knows there is some discomfort in the specificity of Section 2. Beyond the Section 2 comments the other statements are fairly similar to comments we’ve discussed regarding Act 250 in the past. Lastly, Regina stated that Staff is planning to bring the comments to the Board for their meeting next week, and would like to gauge the PAC’s comfort level with it.

The PAC had a lengthy discussion that included:
- Timing of the bill, and whether comments coming out of the Board will be soon enough for the Senate. It may be that CCRPC provides comments when this bill gets over to the House.
- Whether duplexes should be held to the same standard as single family homes in all regards. While there was a bit of debate on this because this isn’t necessarily happening now, ultimately there was general agreement that this should be the standard.
- Some members expressed challenges with water and wastewater areas in systems that don’t have a lot of capacity; or in areas where a transmission line is going through but doesn’t actually serve the geographic area the lines go through (some CWD lines). There was general agreement to highlight these issues in the comments, as reasons why a municipality could opt for the off-ramp as contemplated in the bill.
- There was quite a bit of discussion about how conditions in existing Act 250 permits should be handled in the newly exempt Designated Downtowns and Neighborhood Development Areas. There was general agreement on the comments as drafted on this point.

7. Regional Act 250/Section 248 Projects on the Horizon.
Regina asked the PAC to email Regina and Taylor any Act 250/Section 248 updates.

8. Other Business
a. Forest Integrity Plan Assistance* – The packet includes an opportunity for a small amount of CCRPC assistance with forest integrity planning. If any towns are interested, please tell Regina ASAP.

b. New member Land Use Essentials Training – CCRPC can host a virtual training on this since this is so easy to do now. Please let Regina know if you have some new members (PC or DRB) that might be interested.

c. EDA - Four Region CEDS - CCRPC is cooperating with regional partners to submit an application to EDA to develop a multi-region CEDS (Addison, Chittenden, Rutland and Central VT (Washington/part of Orange)).

9. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony
From: Dan Albrecht  
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 12:47 PM  
To: Regina Mahony; Taylor Newton  
Subject: New Stormwater General Permit 3-9050 (“3-Acre General Permit”) Issued

Do you guys want to forward to PAC?? -Dan

From: Monks, Padraic <Padraic.Monks@vermont.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 2:23 PM  
To: Monks, Padraic <Padraic.Monks@vermont.gov>  
Subject: New Stormwater General Permit 3-9050 (“3-Acre General Permit”) Issued

Dear VT DEC Stormwater Program List:

The Department issued General Permit 3-9050 (The “3-acre General Permit”) today. The new general permit will go into effect on December 1, 2020. The Final GP 3-9050, and the response to public comment, are available at our website at https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/9050 For those of you who provided public comment or signed up under the Environmental Notices Bulletin (ENB) you will receive a notice of issuance of the GP via the ENB.

Applications for new development, and permit renewal, should continue to use GP 3-9015 and GP 3-9010 until December 1, 2020.

We’ll be updating our website in the near future to include a “summary of changes” in the final GP 3-9050 relative to the draft GP, and will develop a table of the schedule for submitting the required permit applications for “three-acre sites.” Additionally, we’ll be providing outreach letters to “three-acre sites” in the next week or so.

Please direct questions concerning the applicability of GP 3-9050 to particular projects to the Stormwater Program staff for the project area https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/contacts Additionally, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions on the GP 3-9050 and our response to public comment.

Sincerely,
Padraic

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) we are taking additional safety measures to protect our employees and customers and are now working remotely while focusing on keeping our normal business processes fully functional. Please communicate with our staff electronically or via phone to the greatest extent possible since our processing of postal mail may be slowed during this period. You may now submit permit applications, compliance reports and fee payments through our new online form to expedite its receipt and review: https://anronline.vermont.gov/?formtag=WSMD_Intake. Division staff contact information can be found online here: https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/contacts.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

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