

1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
2 **June 29, 2022**  
3 **Virtual Meeting**  
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5 The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held using the Zoom platform.  
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7 **Attendance**

8 Commissioners: See attached. A quorum was present to conduct business.

9 Staff: C. Dimitruk, D. Devlin  
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11 Chair B. Irwin welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.  
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13 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

14 B. Irwin reported that the scheduled speaker was unable to make it due to COVID. There are no  
15 other adjustments to the agenda.  
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17 **Welcome, introductions, opening remarks**

18 B. Irwin welcomed those attending. Participants briefly introduced themselves.  
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20 **Opportunity for Public Comment**

21 No members of the public offered comments.  
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23 **Minutes of the April Meeting**

24 *A. Voegele moved to approve the May minutes as written with corrections for typographical*  
25 *errors, and E. Nance seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.*  
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28 **Commission Reports:**  
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30 **Finance/Operations**– H. Garrett stated that the committee met and the budget is later on the  
31 agenda.  
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33 **Personnel** – L. Ruple stated that the Committee did not meet but will meet in July for staff  
34 reviews.  
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36 **Executive Committee** – B. Irwin stated that the Committee met and reviewed the draft budget.  
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38 **Project Review** – B. Buermann noted the committee met prior to the Board meeting and will  
39 need to find time in July to continue a meeting to review a proposed tower and other projects.  
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41 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** – B. Remmers and H. Garrett noted that the TAC  
42 reviewed the TPI budget which will be on the agenda next month.  
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1 **Energy Committee-** C. Dimitruk reported that the committee reviewed the current energy plan  
2 structure and requirements for the updated plan.

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4 **Brownfields Committee** – E. Nance reported tat projects at Young Landfill, South River Street,  
5 Riviere Hotel and the Enosburgh Armory are progressing.

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7 **Regional Plan and Policy Committee-** E. Nance stated that the Committee met and finished its  
8 review of the current plan and discussed the schedule for the fall and winter.

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10 **Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)** – A. Voegele had no items from the region for  
11 tomorrow’s meeting.

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13 **Green Mountain Transit (GMT)-**C. Dimitruk reported that the GM resigned and a search for an  
14 interim and/or permanent GM will be underway. She noted that GMT was lucky to have Jon, he  
15 provided seady leadership in the pandemic and through three contract negotiations.

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17 **Healthy Roots Advisory Committee-** L. Douglas stated that they did not meet.

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19 **Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation-** C. Dimitruk reported that the foundation board  
20 met and identified goals for FY 23. The Board discussed management of funds between NRPC  
21 and the Foundation and the way the Foundation could help to sponsor projects.

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23 **Office-** C. Dimitruk noted that significant staff time has been spent on end of year activities. Dea  
24 Devlin provided an update on the successfully stream clean up in St. Albans.

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26 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR FY 23**

27 Y. Dandurand reported that the nominating committee nominates the following slate of  
28 officers:

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30 **Chair:** Bill Irwin

31 **Vice-Chair:** Lynn Douglas

32 **Secretary:** Andy Alling

33 **Treasurer:** Harold Garrett

34 **Chair-Personnel:** Lori Ruple

35 **Chair- Project Review:** Bob Buermann

36 **Chair- Regional Plan and Policy Committee:** Elisabeth Nance

37 **At-large member on Executive Committee:** Rowena Brown

38 **Youth Member to the Board of Commissioners:** Franklin County- vacant, Grand Isle County-  
39 vacant

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41 *Y. Dandurand asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. None were made.*

42 *The nominations carried and the slate was elected.*

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1 Yvon Dandurand reported that the nominating committee nominates the following board  
2 representatives:

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4 **Vermont Economic Progress Council:** Albin Voegele

5 **Green Mountain Transit:** Catherine Dimitruk (Franklin County), Bob Buermann (Grand Isle),  
6 Elisabeth Nance (alternate)

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8 *Y. Dandurand asked for any floor nominations for the Vermont Economic Progress Council and*  
9 *Green Mountain Transit. None were made. The nominations carried and representatives were*  
10 *elected.*

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13 **FY 23 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

14 C. Dimitruk gave a brief overview of the Work Program and Budget. The budget has a  
15 conservative approach in terms of both revenue and expenses, including long-term reserves  
16 and building repayment plan. Highlighted was the elimination of Grants in Aid due to move to  
17 VTrans and the subsequent lower funding and diminished RPC role. Regional Planning funds  
18 were increased substantially over last year, providing flexible dollars to meet local and  
19 regional needs. Natural Resource revenue is up related to the start-up and implementation of  
20 the Clean Water Service Provider. Healthy Roots will be staying at 2 staff members and not  
21 filling the vacancy created in the fall.

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23 Long-term reserves remain consistent with past years. At a future meeting the finance  
24 committee will be reviewing options for potential refinancing of one of the building mortgages  
25 and the long term reserve plan. H. Garrett noted that Finance Committee met, reviewed the  
26 budget, and recommended approval.

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28 *A. Voegele moved to approve the FY 23 work program and budget, including the long term*  
29 *reserve plan and building repayment plan. R. Noel seconded. The motion carried.*

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31 **FY 23 Committee Assignments**

32 B. Irwin noted that assignments are made in July. Commissioners are asked to email Catherine  
33 they are interested in serving on a committee.

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35 **Commissioner Announcements:**

36 B. Irwin announced the Bakersfield Fourth of July celebration.

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38 **Adjourn**

39 *A. Voegele moved to adjourn. A. Alling seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.*

Municipality	Board Member	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Frkin Cty Youth	Eagan Murphy	X		excused	X		X	X	X	X	excused	excused	Excused
GI Cty Youth	vacant		N			N							
Alburg Town	Alton Bruso		O			O							
Alburg Town	Terry Tatro			excused			X						
Alburg Village	Terry Tatro		M			M	X						
Alburg Village	Vacant		E			E							
Bakersfield	Bill Irwin	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X		X
Bakersfield	Linda McCall		T			T						x	X
Berkshire	Vincent Hickey	Excused	I	excused	X	I		X	excused			x	Excused
Berkshire	Claude Charron		N			N							
Enosburg Falls	Leonard Charron		G			G							
Enosburg Falls	Vacant	Excused		X									
Enosburgh Town	Jesse Woods 3/22	Excused		X	---	---	---	---	---	excused	excused	excused	
Enosburgh Town	Jessica Eagle 3/22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	excused	excused	excused	x
Fairfax	Colleen Steen	X					X	excused	X		X	excused	x
Fairfax	Sarah Hadd	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	Excused
Fairfield	vacant												
Fairfield	Brian Dubie	Excused		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Fletcher	Lynn Douglas	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Fletcher	Lori Ruple	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	
Franklin	Yvon Dandurand	X		X	X		excused	X	X	X	X	x	x
Franklin	Wesley Kempton	Excused		x									
Georgia	Scott St. Onge												
Georgia	Kirk Waite	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	x	Excused
Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	Excused		X	X		excused	excused	X	X	excused	x	x
Grand Isle	Howard Demars	Excused		X	X			X		X			Excused
Highgate	Vacant												
Highgate	Richard Noel	X		X	X		X	X	excused	X		excused	x
Isle La Motte	Sylvia Jensen	X		excused				X	X	X		x	
Isle La Motte	Mary-Catherine Graziano	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	x
Montgomery	Charlie Hancock												
Montgomery	Vacant												
North Hero	Andy Alling	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	x
North Hero	Vacant												
Richford	Rowena Brown	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Richford	Vacant												
Sheldon	Vacant												
Sheldon	Jeff Kane												
South Hero	Peter Zamore	X		X	X		X	X	excused	X	X	x	x
South Hero	Bob Buermann	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	excused
St. Albans City	David Glidden												excused
St. Albans City	Matt Preedom	Excused		excused	X		excused	---					x
St. Albans Town	Marietta Scholten	---		---	---		---	X	X	X	X	excused	x
St. Albans Town	Albin Voegele	X		excused	X		X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X			X		X	X	excused	X	excused		x
Swanton Town	vacant												
Swanton Village	Elisabeth Nance	X		excused	X		X	X	X	X	excused	x	x
Swanton Village	Neal Speer	X						X					
# OF MUNICIPALITIES		<b>13</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
QUORUM = 12													