

1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**

2 **July 26, 2023**

3 **Stone House St. Albans**

4 **St. Albans, VT 05478**

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6 **Attendance:**

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

8 Staff: Emily Klofft, Shaun Coleman, Kathy Lavoie, Catherine Dimitruk, Marlena Valenta, Amy

9 Adams, Kyle Grenier, Christina Porcaro, Madeline Yandow, Dean Pierce

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11 Chair B. Irwin welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

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13 **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

14 **Welcome, introductions, opening remarks.**

15 B. Irwin welcomed those attending. Participants briefly introduced themselves.

16 **Opportunity for Public Comment:** No members of the public offered comments.

17 **Minutes of the April Meeting**

18 Y. Dandurand moved to approve the June minutes as written; P. Zamore seconded. Motion carried.

19 **2023 Northwest Regional Plan: Action for Approval**

20 B. Irwin recognized the great work by NRPC staff and the important input by public with positive changes
21 resulting.

22 K. Waite noted that he had given input and he was impressed with the staff's approach and
23 consideration.

24 L. McCall noted that she had given input and that she was not approached, and considerations not given
25 thus she cannot support the plan. C. Dimitruk agreed to meet with L. McCall to discuss details.

26 H. Demars moved to approve; K. Waite seconded. Roll call taken. Motion carried with all commissioners
27 voting "yea", except L. McCall voting "nay".

28 **Finance/Operations** – Discussed Briefly. H. Demars motion to accept; K. Waite seconded; Motion
29 carried.

30 **Personnel** – No Report Out

31 **Executive Committee** – No Report Out

32 **Project Review** – No Report Out

33 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** – Staff, Shaun Coleman, reported on flood and emergency
34 response efforts throughout state, and the role of NRPC Staff. S. Hadd responded with efforts in Fairfax.
35 C. Dimitruk recognized hard work by Staff, S. Coleman and B. Remmers.

36 **Energy and Climate Committee-** No Report Out

37 **Brownfields Committee** – No Report Out; C. Dimitruk noted new funding available.

38 **Regional Plan and Policy Committee-** No Report Out

39 **Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)** – No Report Out

40 **Green Mountain Transit (GMT)-** B. Buermann noted that they did meet and that topics centered on
41 flood response and capital budget.

42 **Healthy Roots Advisory Committee-** Staff, Christina Porcaro discussed renovated space in Sheldon for
43 The Abbey Group.

44 **Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation-** No Report Out

45 **Office-** C. Dimitruk referred Commissioners to the staff reports in the Board packet.

46 **2024 Board Member Committee Assignments:** See Attached

47 C. Dimitruk explained the process. S. Hadd spoke about need for committee members on Municipal Plan
48 Committee. S. Hadd made motion to approve; Y. Dandurand seconded; Motion Approved.

49 **FY 24 Transportation Planning Initiative Work Program and Budget:**

50 Staff, Kyle Grenier reported out budget, detailing added tasks #9 and #10. Conversation followed with K.
51 Waite asking for clarification on news tasks; S. Jensen asking for clarification specific to District 8 new
52 garage at VT 207/Bushey Road. H. Demars asking for clarification on TBD amount for State Owned Rail
53 Trails, with K. Grenier explaining that this information was delayed due to the flooding consuming AOT,
54 but the amount would be less than \$15K.

55 K. Waite noted that the TAC recommended approval of budget. K. Waite motioned for approval; B.
56 Morris seconded; Motion Carried.

57 **Commissioner Announcements:**

58 S. Jensen recognized C. Dimitruk’s successful visits to Isle Lamotte to support the creation of a Planning
59 Commission.

60 **Adjourn**

61 B. Morris moved to adjourn. C. Sawyer seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.