

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2023 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Virtual Meeting: See below for Zoom link

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda
- 2. Welcome, introductions, opening remarks William Irwin, Chair
- 3. Opportunity for Public Comment
- 4. Minutes of the July 2023 Meeting (enclosed)
- 5. Speaker: Amy Carmola, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Northwest Vermont
- 6. Commission Reports: written reports enclosed

Finance/Operations- Kirk Waite

Personnel – *Lori Ruple*

Executive Committee – William Irwin

Project Review – Bob Buermann

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Harold Garrett

Energy and Climate Committee- *Staff*

Brownfields Committee – Megan Sherlund

Regional Plan and Policy Committee- Peter Zamore

Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) – Brian Dube

Green Mountain Transit- Bob Buermann/Catherine Dimitruk

Healthy Roots Advisory Committee- *Marietta Scholten*

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation- Kirk Waite

Office-Staff

7. Municipal Plan Approvals

<u>Approval of Municipal Plan and Confirmation of Planning Efforts</u>: Swanton, South Hero, Highgate

<u>Determination of Energy Compliance</u>: South Hero, Highgate

8. Commissioner Announcements

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1	NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting
2	July 26, 2023
3	Stone House St. Albans
4	St. Albans, VT 05478
5	DRAFT
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 W. Irwin welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
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13	Adjustments to the Agenda: None.
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15	Welcome, introductions, opening remarks.
16	B. Irwin welcomed those attending. Participants briefly introduced themselves.
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18	Opportunity for Public Comment: No members of the public offered comments.
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20	Minutes of the April Meeting
21	Y. Dandurand moved to approve the June minutes as written; P. Zamore seconded. Motion
22	carried.
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24	2023 Northwest Regional Plan: Action for Approval
25	W. Irwin recognized the great work by NRPC staff and the important input by public with
26	positive changes resulting.
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28	K. Waite noted that he had given input and he was impressed with the staff's approach and
29	consideration.
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31	L. McCall noted that she had given input and that consideration was not given thus she cannot
32	support the plan. C. Dimitruk agreed to meet with L. McCall to discuss details.
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34	H. Demars moved to approve; K. Waite seconded. Roll call taken. Motion carried with 60% vote
35	as required with all commissioners voting "yea", except L. McCall voting "nay".
36	Finance /One votions After brief discussion II Demors moved to accept. K. Waite seconded.
37	Finance/Operations – After brief discussion H. Demars moved to accept; K. Waite seconded;
38	Motion carried.
39 40	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Shaun Coleman, reported on flood and emergency
40 41	response efforts throughout state, and the role of NRPC Staff. S. Hadd responded with efforts in
41	Fairfax. C. Dimitruk recognized hard work by Staff, S. Coleman and B. Remmers.
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Green Mountain Transit (GMT)- B. Buermann noted that they did meet and that topics 43 44 centered on flood response and capital budget. 45 46 **Healthy Roots Advisory Committee**- Christine Porcaro discussed the renovated space in Sheldon to be shared with the Abbey Group. 47 48 Office- C. Dimitruk referred Commissioners to the staff reports in the Board packet. 49 50 51 **2024 Board Member Committee Assignments:** 52 C. Dimitruk explained the process. S. Hadd spoke about need for committee members on Municipal Plan Committee. 53 54 55 S. Hadd moved to ratify the committee assignments; Y. Dandurand seconded; Motion approved. 56 57 **FY 24 Transportation Planning Initiative Work Program and Budget:** Kyle Grenier provided an overview of the work program and budget. Conversation followed with 58 59 K. Waite asking for clarification on new tasks; S. Jensen asking for clarification specific to District 60 8 new garage at VT 207/Bushey Road. H. Demars asked for clarification on TBD amount for State Owned Rail Trails, with K. Grenier explaining that this information was delayed due to the 61 62 flooding consuming AOT, but the amount would be less than \$15K. 63 K. Waite noted that the TAC recommended approval of budget and work program. K. Waite 64 65 moved to approval; B. Morris seconded; motion carried. 66 67 **Commissioner Announcements:** 68 S. Jensen recognized C. Dimitruk's successful visits to Isle la Motte to support the creation of a 69 Planning Commission. 70 Adjourn 71 B. Morris moved to adjourn. C. Sawyer seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 72

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

FY24 NPRC Board	d of Commissioners-					_		T		_	T		
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Georgia	Kirk Waite	Х											
Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	Х											
Grand Isle	Howard Demars	Х											
Highgate	Jack Pelkey	Х											
Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	х											
Isle La Motte	Sylvia Jensen	Х											
Isle La Motte	Mary-Catherine Graziano	Х											
Montgomery	Leanne Barnard												
Montgomery	Mike Brouillette												
North Hero	Andy Alling	Х											
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Northwest Regional Planning Commission Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

	Aug 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · People's Checking Account	115,036.59
1020 · People's Money Market Account	11,067.30
1035 · New England Federal Cr~1Year CD	45,275.71
1036 · New England Fed Cr-CD 5 Year	65,239.32
1037 · Lamoille CWSP	215,733.93
1038 · Missisquoi CWSP	654,027.85
1040 ⋅ Union Bank	136,780.97
1080 · Petty Cash	9.05
Total Checking/Savings	1,243,170.72
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	434,920.15
Total Accounts Receivable	434,920.15
Other Current Assets	
1400 · Prepaid Software	12,932.13
1499 · Undeposited Funds	8,570.55
Total Other Current Assets	21,502.68
Total Current Assets	1,699,593.55
TOTAL ASSETS	1,699,593.55
Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable 2000 · Accounts Payable	66,317.85
Total Accounts Payable	66,317.85
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	201.56
2100 · Employee Health Ins. Payable	-1,820.66
2106 · Dental Insurance Payable	-242.84
2110 · Health Equity	3,081.06
2111 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	-14,921.19
2120 · Accrued Payroll	32,668.59
2130 · Accrued Vacation	63,097.42
2213 · VT Tax Withholding Payable	2,606.96
2215 · VI Tax Withholding Payable 2215 · Retirement Payable	8,092.53
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Total Other Current Liabilities	92,763.43
Total Current Liabilities	159,081.28
Total Liabilities	159,081.28
Equity	4 400 000 00
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	1,139,023.29
3900 · Fund Balance	385,599.90
Net Income	15,889.08
Total Equity	1,540,512.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,699,593.55

9:31 AM 09/21/23 **Accrual Basis**

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through August 2023

				
	Jul - Aug 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4016 · EDA	4,777.32	73,000.00	-68,222.68	6.54%
4026 · Grants in Aid Pilot Program	0.00	143,260.00	-143,260.00	0.0%
4027 · Healthy Roots	0.00	191,745.00	-191,745.00	0.0%
4030 · ACCD	176,985.20	488,165.00	-311,179.80	36.26%
4035 · VAOT	15,966.25	273,785.00	-257,818.75	5.83%
4044 · Shared Services	2,158.00	145,500.00	-143,342.00	1.48%
4045 · Public Safety	22,083.91	75,850.00	-53,766.09	
4047 · Municipal Assessments	66,397.00	66,397.00	0.00	100.0%
4050 · Municipal Contracts	0.00	127,750.00	-127,750.00	0.0%
4054 · Other State Grants	2,402.21	45,000.00	-42,597.79	5.34%
4055 · Other Federal Grants	0.00	385,500.00	-385,500.00	0.0%
4056 · VANR	728.41	151,381.00	-150,652.59	0.48%
4058 · Clean Water Service Provider	0.00	710,000.00	-710,000.00	0.0%
4059 · RSEP-St. Albans Town & City	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
4080 · Misc. Income	8,193.33	47,000.00	-38,806.67	17.43%
Total Income	299,691.63	2,930,333.00	-2,630,641.37	10.23%
Expense				
5010 · Salaries & Wages	178,036.21	1,100,000.00	-921,963.79	16.19%
5015 · Employer Social Security	10,803.23	68,200.00	-57,396.77	15.84%
5016 · Employer Medicare	2,526.57	15,950.00	-13,423.43	15.84%
5020 · Fringe Benefits	40,103.75	220,563.00	-180,459.25	18.18%
5026 · Grants in Aid	0.00	123,260.00	-123,260.00	0.0%
5030 · Travel	1,366.27	18,000.00	-16,633.73	7.59%
5040 · Advertising	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
5055 · Insurance-Liability	48.00	12,000.00	-11,952.00	0.4%
5080 · Meetings	2,554.09	16,000.00	-13,445.91	15.96%
5085 · Membership Dues	1,375.00	10,000.00	-8,625.00	13.75%
5090 · Technology and GIS	630.84	17,665.00	-17,034.16	3.57%
5092 · Healthy Roots Expense	22,871.33	62,200.00	-39,328.67	36.77%
5095 · Software	1,034.36	31,500.00	-30,465.64	3.28%
5100 · Supplies & Furniture	3,130.06	65,000.00	-61,869.94	4.82%
5660 · Postage	91.29	2,500.00	-2,408.71	3.65%
5680 · Printing & Copies	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
5700 · Telephone	1,970.21	10,000.00	-8,029.79	19.7%
6300 · Professional Services	13,788.68	1,112,450.00	-1,098,661.32	1.24%
6400 · Building/Utilities	3,119.16	31,375.00	-28,255.84	9.94%
6560 ·Payroll Expenses	343.50	31,375.00	-31,031.50	1.1%
Total Expense	283,792.55	2,928,663.00	-2,644,870.45	9.69%
	15,899.08			

Open Invoices as of August 31, 2023 \$434,920.15 Original Mortgage

Franklin County Industrial Dev Corp - outstanding mortgage

\$79,811.77 \$130,000

NEFCU - outstanding mortgage

\$92,433.39 \$0

Committee and Staff Reports - September 2023

Reminder: NRPC has a YouTube channel for Board meetings, trainings and select committee meetings. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1JLkE8lwP-Vjd-5RYRaQjQ

Finance/Operations – *Kirk Waite.* The committee did not meet.

Personnel Committee- *Lori Ruple.* The committee did not meet.

Executive Committee- *William Irwin.* The Committee met in August and reviewed a draft new logo. The Committee did not meet in September.

Project Review – Bob Buermann. Business report is enclosed.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – *Harold Garrett.* The committee met September 14th. Presentations from GMP's Jenn Yandow and NRPC's Climate and Energy Planner, Marlena Valenta focused on current electric vehicle (EV) data, information and practices. Conversation revolved around carbon emissions, reliability, affordability, power consumption, and how individual homes and businesses can support the growing number of EVs.

Energy and Climate Committee- Peter Zamore. The committee met and reviewed draft energy plan sections.

Brownfields Committee – Staff, Megan Sherlund. The Committee met July 31 and September 11 to review the current status of sites and funding awards. The Committee allocated funds for a supplemental assessment and Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives (ECAA) at the 6 South River Site and a gap analysis of existing assessment work at the 124 First Street site in the Village of Swanton, both of which are underway. 124 First street is the former Carroll Concrete batch plant recently purchased by the Village of Swanton for redevelopment as a Public Safety Complex. The Phase 2 assessment at the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi Abenaki Headquarters on Grand Ave in Swanton is complete and supplemental assessment is required. An ECAA is currently being drafted for the rear portion of 113 Main Street in Richford. The Committee will meet next on October 16.

Regional Plan Committee- Peter Zamore. The committee did not meet but is planning an October meeting.

Municipal Plan Review Committee —Sarah Hadd. The committee met to review plans on the agenda.

Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) – Brian Dube.

GMT- Bob Buermann/Catherine Dimitruk. The GMT Board met and discussed: capital purchases and a proposed adjustment to rural driver wages.

Staff Reports:

Transportation

- Attended an initial Project Refinement meeting for I89 NB Exit 21 project with members of the Village &
 Town of Swanton and VHB. The intention of this project is to address concerns of backups on the exit ramp,
 and intersection concerns in the area of VT Route 78 and Frontage Road, etc.
- Attended the Town of Franklin Selectboard meeting along with staff from Trudell Consulting Engineers to
 provide an update on the VT 120/VT 236/Middle Rd. intersection. This meeting also served as an
 opportunity to hear feedback and suggestions from the Town and community members.
- Organized and attended two preconstruction meetings relating to the Longley Bridge Road Streambank Stabilization project in Montgomery.

Emergency Management

- On-going State and municipal response and recovery support for July's Federally Declared Disaster
- Continued to support the Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps including assisting with a warm
 weather preparedness workshop, procuring summer swag bags to handout to State Park visitors (tick kits,
 cooling towels, and first aid).
- Continue working with municipalities on updating Emergency Management Plans to meet state requirements.

GIS

- Updated maps for the new Energy Plan.
- Updated the Montgomery Town Plan maps.

Municipal Planning

- Provided Sheldon and North Hero with zoning services.
- Bylaw modernization grant from ACCD to St. Albans Town: staff is developing zoning recommendations aimed at reducing regulatory barriers to housing choice and affordability.
- Supported the Town of South Hero's new wastewater planning committee with preparations for a preliminary engineering investigation, including a plan for completing test pits on potential properties and an application for the Community Recovery and Revitalization Program (CRRP).
- Assisted the Town of South Hero with its VCDP Planning Grant to plan for renovations of the South Hero Meeting House.
- Assisted the Town of Enosburgh with a project to combine the zoning bylaws with Enosburg Falls Village.
- Drafted sections of updated Montgomery Town Plan as part of a Town Plan update.
- Assisted the Town of Grand Isle with an update to their Town Plan. Staff met with the Planning Commission
 to debrief on the community workshop and plan a second event for October. A community survey was also
 conducted during the months of August and September.
- Completed data updates needed for a Town Plan update for the Town of Sheldon.
- Began outreach to municipal Planning Commissions to assist with Municipal Planning Grant applications.
- Assisting the Town of Isle La Motte with developing a survey for their future Town Plan.
- Supported the Town of Richford's effort to renew their Village Center designation.
- Coordinated with VAPDA, VLCT and DHCD on interpreting and applying the changes made by Act 47/S.100 to the Land Use Planning and Development Act.

Climate & Energy

- Developing a scope of work for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.
- Updating the regional energy plan including developing comprehensive schedule and reviewing newly available Act 174 data.
- Updated data on existing and future energy use for use in the updated draft of the Energy Plan.
- Worked with <u>Walk/Bike Saint Albans</u> to encourage a two-lane bike/ped path on Federal Street as well as other walk/bike friendly infrastructure.
- Continued the roll out of <u>Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP</u>) including coordination with other RPC's, developing engagement documents, presented to selectboards of high energy burden towns, and supported municipalities with application process.

Water Quality

- Continued as the regional Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP). Most recent activities include:
 - Issuing the third "Call for Applications" for projects to improve water quality in the Missisquoi Basin;
 - Planning and hosting meetings of the Basin Water Quality Councils in the two basins;

- Expanding project tracking tools using Smartsheet data platform;
- o Reviewing and commenting on draft DEC guidance documents.
- Met with local officials and conducted site visit in the village of Enosburgh Falls to discuss funding opportunities and investigate possible resolution of water issue raised by homeowner.
- Awarded funding for grant to fund project development, working on an analysis to identify top-priority
 projects around private roads that reduce sediment and nutrient runoff into the lake in Grand Isle, North
 Hero and Isle La Motte.
- Attended a conservation block party focused on water quality on private roads. This was hosted by Grand Isle Natural Resource Conservation District and the South Hero Land Trust and funded through the Lake Champlain Basin Program. We were able to put the word out about our work and chat with interested landowners about potential work on their private roads.

Workforce & Economic Development and Northern Vermont Economic Development District (NVEDD)

- Supported projects in Enosburgh, Bakersfield, St. Albans City, LVRT, as well as efforts in homelessness & housing, and workforce & business support. NVEDD is done in partnership with Lamoille County Planning Commission, Lamoille County Industrial Development Corporation, Northeastern VT Development Association, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation and Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation.
- NRPC received a \$75,000 EDA grant for planning funds for FY 2024.

Healthy Roots Collaborative- https://www.healthyrootsvt.org/

- Continued aggregation and distribution of the Migrant Household Food Box Program and Northwest
 Farmacy CSA started in mid-July. Food for both of these programs is being aggregated from 5 different farms
 in our region and being distributed to over 60 households.
- An additional farm received one-on-one technical assistance to updated their website. Work continued with
 five farms to update websites, develop cost of production, develop sales and marketing materials and write
 grant applications.
- Renovations started on the Sheldon storage facility and will continue into October. Move-in date for Healthy Roots and CVOEO is estimated for November.
- Continued distribution of local farm produce to eight NOTCH mini-fridges weekly. Produce is purchased with VAAFM-LFPA funds from four local farms.
- Several schools are planning gleaning field trips with us this fall.
- Healthy Roots hired an intern from CCV for the fall. Having an intern for the busy fall season is a huge benefit to the gleaning program.

Housing For All - Working Communities Challenge

- More than 50 people participated in Housing Justice Joint Worship in Taylor Park in July. Housing For All
 partnered with a number of area churches to host this event as an initial step in engaging churches in
 the region to address unmet housing needs.
- The Core Team is exploring a pilot project focusing on housing navigation services for the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units
- Staff is working with WCC initiative directors and the statewide WCC Steering Committee on funding strategies to sustain our work beyond the 3-year grant period.

Building

Electrical and lighting improvements are being planned.

Project Review Committee: Monthly Business Report

Month: September 2023 Project Reviews

	Project Reviews
1)	Project Type: Act 250- Westview Condominium Development, LLC
	Project Location: 324 South Main Street, Saint Albans Town, VT
	Substantial Regional Impact: Yes No X (If yes, Board action required)
	• Project Details: Construction of four 3-unit condominium buildings on an existing 1.07 acre parcel
	adjacent to the existing Westview Condominium Development.
	• Project Comments: The Committee found that the project is in conformance with the Regional Plan and
	does not constitute a substantial regional impact, provided that the applicant install junction boxes that
	would allow future installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the project's garages.
	Conformance with Regional Plan: Yes ⊠ No □
2)	Project Type: Act 250- Alburgh Family Clubhouse, Inc
	Project Location: Missile Base Road, Alburgh, VT
	Substantial Regional Impact: Yes No [(If yes, Board action required)
	• <i>Project Details:</i> Construction of 5,000 square foot childcare center.
	• Project Comments: Project is substantial regional impact due to number of employees, project is in
	conformance with the Regional Plan. Pedestrian access should be considered in future. Committee
	approved staff comment letter.
	Conformance with Regional Plan: Yes ⊠ No □
Sta	aff Reviews:
Pro	oject Type: Act 250- R.L. Vallee (#6F0014-4) Georgia, VT
	Project Location: 1207 Ethan Allen Highway, Georgia, VT
	Substantial Regional Impact: Yes No M (If yes, Board action required)
	• Project Details: A variety of improvements at an existing gas station facility, including: (1) installation
	of a new external grease trap on the south side of the existing building; (2) installation of a new sewer
	service line; (3) removal of existing Underground Storage Tanks; and (4) installation of three new
	Underground Storage Tanks, including a Category One 20,000-gallon tank, a Category One 10,000-
	gallon tank, and a 2,000-gallon Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF).
Pro	oject Type: Section 248a- Verizon Wireless, 61 S. Main Street, Montgomery
110	Project Location: 61 S. Main Street, Montgomery, VT
	Substantial Regional Impact: Yes No (If yes, Board action required)
	• Project Details: Addition of telecommunications equipment to an existing silo.
RΔ	ard Action Necessary: Ratify decision to find Act 250- Alburgh Family Clubhouse, Inc project in conformance
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NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON REGIONAL APPROVAL OF HIGHGATE, SOUTH HERO AND TOWN AND VILLAGE OF SWANTON MUNICIPAL PLAN

In accordance with VSA Title 24, Chapter 117, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) will hold public hearings to receive comment on the requests for regional approval and determination of energy compliance of the Highgate, South Hero and Town and Village of Swanton Municipal Plans. The public hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2023; a second public hearing will be held before the Board of Commissioners monthly board meeting on September 27, 2023. As stated in Title 24, Chapter 117, the Regional Commission shall approve municipal plans if it finds that they are consistent with the criteria of Section 4350 and shall provide a determination of energy compliance if it finds that municipal plans are consistent with the criteria of Section 4352 and standards established by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Pursuant to Title 24, Chapter 117, Sections 4350, NRPC will also consider the planning processes of the Town of Highgate, Town of South Hero and Town and Village of Swanton and specifically whether the processes meet the requirements of confirmation as stated in Title 24, Chapter 117.

WHAT: NRPC Municipal Plan Review Public Hearings

WHERE: The hearings will be held remotely and are open to the public. To participate online go to https://zoom.us/join and if by phone, dial +1 646-558-8656 then enter the meeting code: 941 661 9734. Or access this direct zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9416619734.

WHEN: 1) Monday September 25, 2023, 6:00 PM

2) Wednesday September 27, 2023, 6:30 PM

The agendas for the public hearings will be posted on the NRPC website under calendar of events. After the public hearings, the NRPC Board of Regional Commissioners will consider the request for regional approval, determination of energy compliance and confirmation of planning effort on September 27, 2023. The Board meeting will be a virtual meeting, credentials to access the meeting will be posted with the meeting agenda at www.nrpcvt.com.

For more information, please contact Catherine Dimitruk at NRPC, (802) 524-5958. Meeting materials municipal plan review are posted at www.nrpcvt.com/municipal-plan-review-committee.