



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

St. Albans Town Report - 2023

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

2023 ST. ALBANS TOWN PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. One focus of 2023 was the organization and hosting (and subsequent broadcasting) of a water-themed storytelling event held at St. Albans Bay Park.
- Worked with local officials to update the Town's locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods including meeting with FEMA, Small Business Association, and Town Officials.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which St. Albans Town is a member.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant led by the Town.
- Provided print outs of the Tax maps and a Culvert Inventory map.
- Completed traffic counts on: Allaire Drive, Cedar Hill Drive, Elizabeth Street, Harborview Drive, Loomis Lane, Ethel Court, Marcel Drive, Ridgeview Avenue, and Samantha Lane.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, support local farm and food businesses through its Healthy Roots Collaborative, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.

NRPC Projects & Programs

Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting

Brownfields site assessments, clean-ups and redevelopment plans

Transportation planning and project management

Bike and pedestrian planning and project management

Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience

Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects

Water quality planning and project management

Regional plans for growth and development

Geographic Information System maps and data

Downtown and village revitalization and community development

Grant writing and administration

Associated Projects & Programs Managed by NRPC

Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi and Lamoille River Basins

St. Albans Town Regional Commissioners - Marietta Scholten & Megan Sherland

Transportation Advisory Committee - Dave Allerton, *Alt. John Montagne*

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