



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Sheldon 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 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance and served as zoning administrator through a shared services contract.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which helps 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.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Wrote a successful Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant for a scoping study to at the intersection of Mill Street and Route 105 in Sheldon Springs, implementing the Connecting Sheldon Plan.
- Initiated a trailhead scoping study at the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail near Gristmill Park, funded by a grant for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant program.
- 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.
- Worked with Planning Commission on an update to the Municipal Plan.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots worked with The Abbey Group and Champlain Office of Economic Opportunity to renovate a storage space to support the Healthy Roots Gleaning and Food Access programming.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Sheldon is a member.

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

Sheldon Town Regional Commissioners - Jeff Kane & vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Seth Hungerford

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