

1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
2 **September 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM**  
3 **Hybrid Meeting (Zoom and Port Washington Room)**  
4 **St. Albans Town Office, 398 Georgia Shore Road, Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481**  
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6 **Board Member Attendance:** *See attached.* A quorum was present to conduct business.  
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8 **Staff:** Catherine Dimitruk, Kyle Grenier  
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10 **Other Attendees:** Kerrick Johnson, Commissioner, Vermont Dept of Public Service  
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12 **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks**

13 Chair P. Zamore called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM followed by roll call.  
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15 **Adjustments to Agenda**

16 None.  
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18 **Opportunity for Public Comment**

19 None.  
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21 **Minutes of the July 2025 Meeting**

22 E. Nance made a correction on to the July minutes: corrected spelling of Ezra Klein.

23 *E. Nance motioned to approve July 30, 2025, minutes with correction. B. Morris seconded. Motion*  
24 *carried.*  
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26 *Order of meeting adjusted to allow for delayed arrival of Commissioner Johnson.*  
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28 **Commission Reports:**

29 (written reports enclosed in board packet)  
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31 Finance/Operations – K. Waite reported that there was no meeting.

32 Personnel – B. Buermann reported that there was no meeting.

33 Executive Committee – P. Zamore reported highlights from the recent meeting.

34 Project Review – H. Demars highlighted projects reviewed at the recent meeting.

35 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – B. Morris reported that the TAC did not have a quorum  
36 and held an informational meeting, highlighting a presentation of the Lamoille River Hydraulic  
37 Modeling and suggested that it could be a presentation at a future Commissioners meeting.

38 Brownfields Committee – M. Sherlund reported approved funding for local projects and highlights  
39 from the recent meeting.

40 Regional Plan and Policy Committee – L. Ruple reported that the committee incorporated recently  
41 received feedback on the draft plan that would be reviewed later at tonight’s meeting.

42 Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) – B. Murphy reported that the committee discussed  
43 the new Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP).

44 Green Mountain Transit – C. Dimitruk gave a brief update related to the upcoming transfer of service  
45 from GMT to Rural Community Transportation.

46 Healthy Roots Advisory Committee – M. Scholten reported that the Abbey Group has been sold to  
47 Whitsons Culinary Group. Communication will continue to identify opportunities for future  
48 partnership with Whitsons Culinary Group.

49 Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation – K. Waite, no report.  
50 Office – staff, no report.

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52 **Featured Speaker: Kerrick Johnson, Commissioner, Vermont Dept. of Public Service**

53 Commissioner Johnson spoke about changes at the federal level which will impact Vermonters;  
54 highlighting changes to solar programs will have significant impact. Johnson spoke about the  
55 Sheffield-Highgate Export Interface (SHEI), noting the longstanding concerns related to the grid’s  
56 capacity constraints. Johnson noted that updates within the coming year should lead to  
57 meaningful solutions. Johnson also spoke about the current Vermont Dept. of Public Service’s  
58 current initiatives, which include: affordability, grid resilience, adequate supply of power, cyber  
59 security/threats.

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61 **Regional Plan Presentation**

62 (discussion item) Draft plan available at <https://www.nrpcvt.com/sectiondraftsoftheplan/>

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64 L. Ruple reported that edits received were incorporated into the draft before the board tonight. E.  
65 Nance agreed that committee requested changes had been made. L. Ruple stated that the bulk of  
66 changes were made to the Introduction and Land Use sections; dates, data and other detail  
67 changes were also made.

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69 L. McCall asked for clarification related to “Nursing Homes.” C. Dimitruk clarified that the region  
70 has “Nursing Homes” and “Residential Care Homes.”

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72 K. Waite asked for clarification related to ability to make changes after the draft plan is submitted to  
73 the Land Use Review Board (LURB). C. Dimitruk stated that this submission constitutes a  
74 preliminary review. NRPC will continue to incorporate edits and LURB staff comments into a final  
75 draft, which is planned to come before the NRPC board in early 2026.

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77 *B. Morris motioned to forward draft to the Land Use Review Board for preliminary review. B. Murphy*  
78 *seconded.*

79 *B. Buermann requested to amend the motion to include giving Catherine Dimitruk the ability to*  
80 *make simple editorial changes as recommended.*

81 *B. Morris and B. Murphy agreed. Motion carried.*

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83 B. Morris recognized the staff effort, including the tremendous public outreach, that has made this  
84 plan update possible.

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86 **Commissioner Announcements**

87 C. Dimitruk announced that Greta Brunswick, Senior Planner, has been recognized as the 2025  
88 Vermont Professional Planner of the Year, by the Vermont Planners Association.

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90 E. Nance suggested that perhaps NRPC Commissioners share a short biography at future meetings  
91 as a way to learn more about one another.

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93 **Adjourn**

94 *Chair, P. Zamore adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.*