

NRPC PLAN AND POLICY COMMITTEE
February 11, 2026

In Attendance: Lori Ruple, Peter Zamore, Nicole Draper, Chip Sawyer, Elisabeth Nance

Staff: Catherine Dimitruk, Luke Slomba

The Plan and Policy Committee held a remote meeting via Zoom on February 11, 2026. The meeting was opened by L. Ruple at 6:06pm.

1. Additions to the Agenda – None

2. Public Comment – None

3. Review of Richford Town Plan

Committee members had reviewed the memo provided by NRPC staff prior to the meeting. P. Zamore noted that two changes to the Richford Plan still needed to be made for regional approval and asked how these changes would be incorporated. C. Dimitruk explained that these changes will be made at Richford's Selectboard Hearing to adopt the plan, since they're at that point in the process. Since staff worked on the plan, we can propose these changes. L. Slomba noted that the suggested language for recommending approval is conditional on those two changes.

E. Nance made a motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant Regional Approval to the Richford Municipal Plan, pending the edits noted in the memo are made and no other changes that impact regional approval are made prior to adoption, and confirm the planning process of Richford in accordance with 24 VSA Section 4350. N. Draper seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Nance made a motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant a Determination of Energy Compliance to the Richford Town Plan. N. Draper seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of St. Albans City Municipal Plan

Committee members had reviewed the memo provided by NRPC staff prior to the meeting. E. Nance had a question about whether C. Sawyer had to recuse himself because he worked on the plan. The committee determined that enough members were present so that the motion could still pass without his participation. C. Sawyer recused himself.

N. Draper made a motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant Regional Approval to the St. Albans City Municipal Plan, pending no substantive changes that impact regional approval are made prior to adoption, and confirm the planning process of St. Albans City in accordance with 24 VSA Section 4350. E. Nance seconded and the motion passed, with all members voting in favor except C. Sawyer.

5. Regional Plan Update – final hearing and adoption vote

C. Dimitruk updated committee members on the status of regional plan adoption. NRPC can warn the final Regional Plan Public Hearing for right before the March Board meeting, then have the adoption vote at the Board meeting. Staff will send out the final plan within the next week or the following week for 30 day notice. NRPC has received no additional comments since the latest draft.

C. Sawyer asked if there were any other major agenda items for the March Board meeting, and whether the public hearing could be held at the Board meeting rather than before. C. Dimitruk said there were no other major agenda items and having the hearing at the Board meeting would work. E. Nance noted that if anyone does have comments, it would be nice for the full Board to hear those comments. The committee decided to have the Regional Plan Public Hearing at the March Board meeting, followed by an adoption vote.

6. Commissioner and Staff Announcements – None

The meeting was closed at 6:24pm.