

1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
2 **May 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM**  
3 **Hybrid Meeting (Zoom and Town of St. Albans Office)**  
4 **398 Georgia Shore Road, St. Albans, VT 05478**  
5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZaz9KjzBNA>  
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7 **Board Member Attendance:** *See attached.* A quorum was present to conduct business.  
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9 **Staff:** Catherine Dimitruk, Greta Brunswick, Nora Brown, Marlena Valenta, Kyle Grenier  
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11 **Other Attendees:** Alex Farrell  
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13 **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks**

14 Chair P. Zamore called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM followed by roll call.

15 C. Dimitruk noted that Y. Dandurand, and K. Waite had conflicts and were unable to attend.  
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17 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

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

21 **None.**  
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23 **Speaker: Alex Farrell, Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community**  
24 **Development**

25 Commissioner Farrell spoke about Vermont Housing Improvement Program highlights,  
26 including small scale home development workshops, Community and Housing  
27 Infrastructure Program, and the executive order by Governor Scott related to housing  
28 permit modernization – requiring agencies to work together to develop a streamlined  
29 process for permitting, increasing accessibility and transparency. Commissioner Farrell  
30 engaged the board in conversations related to S.325, barriers to housing, middle-income  
31 earners/affordability, and Vermont’s population decline.  
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33 **Minutes of the April 2026 Meeting (action)**

34 B. Murphy moved to approve the April 2026 minutes. B. Buermann seconded.

35 B. Irwin noted a correction: page 1, line 21 should read “Bordoville Road in Enosburg, near  
36 the Bakersfield line.”

37 B. Murphy and B. Buermann agreed to amend the motion to include the correction.

38 Motion carried, with one abstention.  
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40 **Commission Reports –**  
41 **Project Review Committee**

42 W. Irwin reported on one project included in the board packet, highlighting the Section 248  
43 GMP/request for CPG for rebuild of Georgia Substation – Georgia, VT.

44 The committee has determined that the project:

- 45       • Is of substantial regional impact; and  
46       • Conforms to the Regional Plan.

47 W. Irwin noted the committee is seeking a motion for the project to be confirmed by the full  
48 Commission.

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50 D. Bergstrom moved to find that the project is of substantial regional impact and in  
51 conformance with the Regional Plan. H. Demars. Motion carried.

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### 53 **Finance/Operations**

54 C. Dimitruk noted that the FY27 budget would be on the agenda for the June meeting.

### 55 **Personnel**

56 No report. Committee will meet on June 4.

### 57 **Executive Committee**

58 P. Zamore reported the committee met and discussed legislative updates, Act 181, and  
59 status of the Land Use Review Board (LURB) review of the Regional Plan update, and SS4A  
60 grant application.

### 61 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

62 TAC was updated on the Missisquoi Bay Causeway funding project, introduced to the  
63 VTransparency.vermont.gov interactive maps.

### 64 **Brownfields Committee**

65 No additional report.

### 66 **Plan and Policy Committee**

67 No additional report.

### 68 **Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)**

69 Upcoming meeting on May 28.

### 70 **Rural Community Transit**

71 No meeting.

### 72 **Healthy Roots Advisory Committee**

73 No meeting.

### 74 **Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation**

75 No report.

### 76 **Staff**

77 C. Dimitruk provided additional comments related to the LURB hearing extension, S. 325  
78 updates. P. Zamore offered appreciative remarks to the NRPC staff working on several  
79 South Hero planning projects.

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### 81 **Energy Program Overview**

82 M. Valenta provided an overview of the NRPC Energy Program, including: goals, planning  
83 activities/standards, municipal technical assistance opportunities, Municipal Emergency  
84 Resilience Program (MERP), Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECG)  
85 projects, Regional Navigators, Window Dressers, program challenges and advantages,  
86 NRPC Board of Commissioners role.

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89 **Title VI Plan Update**

90 P. Zamore reported that the Executive Committee adopted the updated NRPC Title VI Plan,  
91 which was a requirement for a US DOT grant application deadline, prior to this meeting.  
92 Zamore requested that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's decision to adopt.

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94 B. Murphy motioned to approve the NRPC Title VI Plan update as presented. B. Morris  
95 seconded.

96 No further discussion. Motion carried.

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98 **Commissioner Announcements**

99 B. Murphy offered appreciative remarks to NRPC staff working on the Regional Plan update  
100 and the presentation offered at the LURB hearing.

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102 **Adjourn**

103 D. Bergstrom moved to adjourn. B. Buermann seconded. Motion carried.

104 Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 PM.

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**FY26 NPRC Board of Commissioners- Meeting Attendance**

Municipality	Board Member	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
		7/30/25	No Meeting	9/24/25	10/29/25	No Meeting	12/17/25	1/28/26	2/25/26	3/25/26	4/29/26	5/27/26	6/24/26
Frkln Cty Youth	Vacant												
Gl Cty Youth	Amelia Demars	X		X	E				E				
Alburg Town	Alex McCracken	E											
Alburg Town	Danielle Choiniere	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Alburg Village	Vacant												
Alburg Village	Vacant												
Bakersfield	William Irwin	X		E	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Bakersfield	Linda McCall	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Berkshire	Josh Grims	X		E	E		E		E				
Berkshire	Claude Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Leonard Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Vacant												
Enosburgh Town	Jesse Woods												
Enosburgh Town	James Oullette (8/25)				X				X	X			
Fairfax	Barbara Murphy	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Fairfax	Nicholas Nadeau/Mike Bishop (10/25)				X		X	E	X	X	E		
Fairfield	Julia Callan	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	E		
Fairfield	Chuck Verderber	E		X	X		E	E	X		X		
Fletcher	Michelle Frennier	E		E	E		X	X	X	X			
Fletcher	Lori Ruple	X		X			X	X	X	X	X		
Franklin	Yvon Dandurand	X		X	E		E	X	X	X	X		
Franklin	vacant												
Georgia	Carl Rosenquist	X			X		X	X	X				
Geogia	Doug Bergstrom 3/26									X			
Georgia	Kirk Waite	X		X	X		E	X	E	X	X		
Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	X		X	X		X	E	X	X	E		
Grand Isle	Howard Demars	X		X	E		X	X	X	X	X		
Highgate	Jack Pelkey	X			X		X	X	X	X	X		
Highgate	Anna Comiskey	X		X	X						X		
Isle La Motte	Sylvia Jensen	E		X	X		E		X	X			
Isle La Motte	Mary-Catherine Graziano												
Montgomery	Leanne Barnard												
	vacant 3/26												
Montgomery	Mark Brouillette												
North Hero	Andy Alling	X		X			X	X	X	X	X		
North Hero	Vacant												
Richford	Marissa Tessier												
Richford	Vacant												
Sheldon	Vacant												
Sheldon	Mathew Stebbins	X		X			X	X	X	X	X		
South Hero	Peter Zamore	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
South Hero	Bob Buermann	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
St. Albans City	Elisabeth Nance	X		X	X		X	E	X	X	X		
St. Albans City	Chip Sawyer	X		X	E		X	X	X	X	X		
St. Albans Town	Marietta Scholten	X		X	X		X	E		X			
St. Albans Town	Megan Sherlund/ Jonathan Giroux as of 4/29	X		X	X		E	E	E	E	X		
Swanton Town	Nicole Draper	X		X			X	E		X	X		
Swanton Town	Nicholas Brosseau	X		X	X			X	X	X	X		
Swanton Village	Heidi Britch-Valenta	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Swanton Village	Damon Broderick	X		X	X		X		X	X	X		
	<b># Municipalities</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

QUORUM = 12

E= Excused ; X=Present