

Lamoille County Planning Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

October 10, 2023

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leo Clark (Treasurer) <i>Video</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Leven (Vice Chair) <i>Video</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greg Paus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Riki French
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caleb Magoon (Chair) <i>Video</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duncan Hastings <i>Video</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dick Goff (Secretary) <i>Video</i>		

Staff: Seth Jensen, Georgeana Little

Chair Caleb Magoon called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda & Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no adjustments to the agenda and no public comment.

Approval of September 12, 2023 Minutes

*Greg Paus motioned to approve the September 12, 2023 minutes. Dick Goff Seconded.
Motion carried with 2 abstentions.*

Act 47 Land Use Map Study

The purpose of this act is to make Land Use maps more consistent across all regions of the state. Dick Goff asked why Lamoille County is an outlier, as mentioned in the minutes of the previous meeting. Seth Jensen explained that Lamoille County categorizes center areas differently than do other regions. The county also classifies forested areas as working forest lands while they are categorized as conservation lands elsewhere. Such a definition in Lamoille County would be unacceptable. There are other regional differences such as the fact that Lamoille County is the only county in the state without a federal highway or interstate. The Vermont Agency of Planning and Development Agencies will continue to work on this study.

Smuggs' Update

Seth reported that this year's Parking and Stormwater project is substantially complete and all areas are open and in use. We are discussing funding for a 2nd phase of this project with state agencies. The plant thefts have stopped and replanting will begin in the spring.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has finally approved funding for the erosion project in the Notch but without funding for management – LCPC’s funding. This problem will need to be addressed.

Discussion of Personnel Policy Changes

This item was tabled.

Basin Planning

The Agency of Natural Resources is updating the Winooski River Basin Plan and there will be a presentation on the project at the October Board meeting. Stowe, and small parts of Cambridge, Elmore, and Morristown lie within the Winooski Basin. The Board will be required to approve the final basin plan to confirm it is in compliance with the Regional Plan.

Executive Director’s Report

This item was tabled.

Brian Leven pointed out that approval of the Regional Plan was not on the Draft Board meeting agenda. That item will be added.

Meeting Adjourned

Greg Paus motioned to adjourn. Riki French seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.