

## Lamoille County Planning Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

April 9, 2024

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 type="checkbox"/>	Riki French
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caleb Magoon (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duncan Hastings <i>Video</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dick Goff (Secretary) <i>Video</i>		

**Staff:** Tasha Wallis, 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 March 12, 2024 Minutes

*Leo Clark motioned to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes. Greg Paus seconded.*

*Motion carried.*

### Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning

Tasha Wallis explained that the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (JEDI) had been working on this document for a few months. It is based on some work from the Bennington Region.

Brian Leven reported that the document is broken down into sections similar to our Regional Plan. It will be made available to towns as a reference. Dick Goff asked if it should be included on the checklist when we review Town Plans. Since this type of review is not required by statute nor will it be a requirement of our review, it was discussed whether adding it to the checklist might not be appropriate. The document will be sent to the full board where this discussion can be continued.

*Greg Paus motioned to forward the Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning on to the full Board for approval. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.*

### Grant Applications

The EDA grant application is winding down. If awarded, the grant will be from the Northern Vermont Economic Development District (NVEDD) and is for \$520,000. Most of the money is

for consultants to do modeling on the main stem of the Lamoille River. There is also money in the grant for staff time.

LCPC has applied for 3 Congressionally Directed Spending grants.

- From Senator Sanders we requested \$520,000 to complete the Smugglers' Notch Parking and Stormwater project
- From Senator Welch we requested money for river gauges and sensors for the Lamoille River along with the US Geological Service. Also we have helped Wolcott apply for money for their wastewater treatment plant.

If awarded, we should not expect to see the money for 18-24 months.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- A rough draft budget will be presented to the Board in April with another draft in May and the final budget in June for approval. There is a lot of uncertainty about what will come out of the Legislature.
- Our core Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) funds are likely to remain at last year's level with a 3% increase.
- Susan Sinnott, our new Finance Manager, started last week.
- The public hearings for the Enhanced Energy Plan will be held in May and July.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

*Greg Paus motioned to adjourn. Dick Goff seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.*