

**Lamoille County Planning Commission Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes**  
 May 28, 2024

**LCPC Board Members present**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Belvidere</b>	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds		<b>Morristown</b>	Dan McLaughlin
	<b>Cambridge Town</b>	Dick Goff <i>(Video)</i>		<b>Morrisville</b>	Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cambridge Town</b>	Sam Lotto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stowe</b>	Marina Meerburg <i>(Video)</i>
	<b>Cambridge Village</b>	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stowe</b>	Brian Leven <i>(Video)</i>
	<b>Eden</b>	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Waterville</b>	Jeffrey Tilton <i>(Video)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Elmore</b>	Trevor Braun <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Wolcott</b>	Maxfield English <i>(Video)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hyde Park Town</b>	Greg Paus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>County Director</b>	Leo Clark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hyde Park Town</b>	Richard Pearson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>County Director</b>	Liz Courtney <i>(Video)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hyde Park Village</b>	Riki French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>County Director</b>	Caleb Magoon
	<b>Jeffersonville</b>	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>County Director</b>	Linda Martin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Johnson Town</b>	Duncan Hastings <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>County Director</b>	Roger Murphy <i>(Video)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Johnson Village</b>	GiGi Beach <i>(Video)</i>		<b>Ex Officio</b>	Pat Ripley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Morristown</b>	Judy Bickford			

**Lamoille County Planning Commission Staff:** Tasha Wallis, Seth Jensen, Melissa Manka, Georgeana Little

*Caleb Magoon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*

Caleb wished his mother a Happy Birthday. Leo Clark spoke of Dick Mazza, a longtime Vermont legislator who died this week.

Caleb explained that the Public Hearing that was scheduled for tonight’s Board meeting had to be postponed and will be held as a special Board meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to which Board members may come at their discretion.

## Changes to the Agenda and Public Comment

There will be no PPR Report. There was no public comment.

## Approval of April 23, 2024 Minutes

*Judy Bickford motioned to accept the April 23, 2024 minutes. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.*

## Housing Resources Training

Melissa Manka, Regional Planner and Seth Jensen, Deputy Director presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new Housing Resources section that will be available on our new Web site. The section will consist of 4 parts: Municipal and Community Resources, Homeowners and Small Builders Resources, General Public Resources, & Housing and Homelessness Data. Most of the information will come from state sources and be updated regularly. The Housing and Homelessness Data will come from the Housing Assessment study that was recently completed.

There was a general discussion with several questions and suggestions being offered. The Board will be notified when the Web site is available to the public.

## Nominating Committee Report

Maxfield English reported that there were more nominees for Marvin Awards this year than usual. The Nominating Committee met and proposes the following awardees for the Board's approval:

Community Service – Organization: Lamoille Neighbors

Community Service – Individual: Ruthann Rust and Misty

Project Design – Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Alice Whiting, Gloria Wing, and Darlene & Allen Lamos

Caleb pointed out that the Nominating Committee has great leeway in making the awards and this year the committee decided that all three nominees deserved the Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Duncan Hasting motioned for the Board to approve the awardees chosen by the Nominating Committee as presented. Judy Bickford seconded. Motion carried.*

Maxfield then discussed the applicants for County Directors. There are 5 County Director positions. The 5 current County Directors all would consider serving another term. There was one new applicant – Lindsey Mahoney of Wolcott. She is a new resident of Vermont with a strong background in community health. The Nominating Committee is submitting all 6 names - Leo Clark, Liz Courtney, Caleb Magoon, Lindsey Mahoney, Linda Martin, Roger Murphy – to the Board for inclusion on the ballot for County Directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

*Greg Paus motioned to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee on submitting the 6 names above to the Board for a vote at the Annual Meeting. Riki French seconded.*

There was a brief discussion about the fact that 3 of the nominees are from Wolcott while our Bylaws stipulate that only 2 County Directors can be from a single town. This problem will be resolved during voting.

*Motion carried.*

### **Brownfields Funding Requests**

There were three Brownfields funding requests presented by Tasha Wallis.

56 Pleasant Street, Morrisville – this is a former gas station to be converted into a mixed use commercial and residential property. The Brownfields Committee recommends funding this project.

*Duncan Hastings motioned to award \$32,151.45 to cover the costs associated with a Phase II Supplemental Site investigation. Rich Pearson seconded. Motion carried.*

Wolcott Community Forest – This project consists of two properties. Much of the acreage will be one the Wolcott Town Forest. Two acres will become an affordable housing site. After a Phase II environmental assessment it was determined that supplemental investigation was necessary to determine the extent of the contamination. The Brownfields Committee recommends funding this project.

*Leo Clark motioned to award \$23,808.00 to cover costs associated with Corrective Action Planning, Soil Management Plan, BRELLA Application Support, and Phase I Environmental Site Assessments. Sam Lotto seconded. Motion carried.*

Wolcott Gravel Parking Lot – This property lies in the Village Core and is slated to be used as parking both for the Town Offices and a Park and Ride. The Brownfields Committee recommends funding this project.

*Liz Courtney motioned to award \$20,290.00 to cover costs associated with a Supplemental Site Investigation and Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives. Duncan Hastings seconded. Motion carried.*

### **FY25 Draft Budget Proposal**

Caleb reminded the Board that this proposed budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting next month. Leo Clark informed the Board that the revised budget sent out earlier today differs from the previous version in having real numbers for the balance of the Smugglers' Notch project. Any changes will be found in the Transportation and Consultant line items. This budget represents a \$671,000 reduction from last year's budget due to the winding down of several large projects. The budget is fully funded for FY25.

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

- Next month is our annual meeting and the invitations will be going out soon.
- The Healthcare Toolkit put together by Meghan Rodier, Kate Lalley, and others has been awarded Project of the Year by the Vermont Planning Association.

- Senator Welch's office has expressed interest in the River Gauge Project for the Lamoille Main Stem.
- At the recent Welcoming and Engaging Communities training at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns there was a discussion about the decline in civil discourse.
- The Lamoille FiberNet has begun rolling out trucks.

### **Community Updates**

*Morristown* – Brent Raymond, the new Town Manager, began today. The school budget passed on the third try.

*Stowe* – The Town voted to keep the Short Term Rental Ordinance. They have begun working on the Town Plan update.

*Johnson Village* – Main Street in the Village is beginning to fill up.

*Cambridge* – Tomorrow night there is an informational meeting on the town purchasing the community center. The vote will be held in June.

*Elmore* – The Elmore Store is having a clean up. They will be hosting a Music Fest on Mondays in July.

*Belvidere* – The Bluegrass Festival will be held on June 15.

*Wolcott* – They are gearing up for two votes, one on June 4 to see if school property can be used as a leach field for the new Wastewater system and one for the bond vote on June 11 to fund the system.

*Hyde Park Village* – They are updating their zoning regulations.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

*Greg Paus motioned to adjourn. Judy Bickford seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.*