

Lamoille County Planning Commission

JEDI Committee Meeting
June 4, 2024

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Leven <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liz Courtney, Chair <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Tilton <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds <i>(Video)</i>
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Staff: Tasha Wallis, Georgeana Little

Liz Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

Additions to the Agenda and Opportunity for Public Comment

The meeting was called to order late because of a scheduling conflict. Welcoming and Engaging Communities Training Report will be the first item on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Welcoming and Engaging Communities Training Report

Carol Caldwell-Edmonds reported that she, Tasha Wallis, and Seth Jensen have been participating in this training offered through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and conducted by Abundant Sun.

Two Regional Planning Commissions and several municipalities from around the state took part. Data was drawn from surveys conducted by all the participants and analyzed by Abundant Sun. A Net Promoter Score was calculated for all participants with a final score of 3. 20 is a good score. Although many of the participants, Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) among them, had higher scores, several participants with very low scores accounted for the overall low score. The score indicates how welcoming a community is. A final Inclusive and Belonging Index was calculated with LCPC getting a score above 75. The entire cohort, however, scored low in having a welcoming community. The small number of participants makes generalizations impossible, but LCPC should be pleased with their numbers.

Approval of April 2, 2023 Minutes

Carol Caldwell-Edmonds motioned to accept the April 2, 2024 minutes. Brian Leven seconded. Motion carried..

Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning

Liz Courtney presented her revised version of this document which takes into consideration comments from committee members made since the last meeting.

In general, the committee was pleased with the revisions, finding the wording respectful, short, and succinct. Liz had incorporated some examples. Including some hyperlinks to appropriate content was suggested.

Further suggestions were made and incorporated into the document.

The question of how to distribute the final version was raised. Staff should share it with the towns and especially Planning Commissions. Tasha suggested a training for staff on how best to present this information.

The next step will be to vote on the final version of the Considerations as well as a committee name change (see below) at the July 2nd meeting and then to send it to the Executive Committee for final review before putting it before the full Board for a vote.

The idea of changing the name of the committee from Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to something less contentious was again brought up. The committee decided that Belonging and Inclusion Committee was a better name and will be presented to the Board along with the Considerations at the July Board Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Brian Leven motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.