

Lamoille County Planning Commission Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

LCPC Board Members present

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

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

Caleb Magoon called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Caleb reminded the Board of the Public Hearing on our Determination of Energy Compliance to be held on Thursday. A Board presence would be good.

GiGi Beach, Director from Johnson Village, has resigned. No one has yet been appointed to replace her.

The Morristown Town Plan has been amended to reflect the concerns of the Board and will be presented at next month’s meeting for approval

Changes to the Agenda and Public Comment

There were no changes to the agenda and no public comment

Approval of July 23, 2024 Minutes

Leo Clark motioned to accept the July 23, 2024 minutes. Riki French seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Caleb explained his reasoning for the committee assignments and explained that anyone who wishes to change their committee assignment should contact him.

PPR Report

Duncan Hastings reported that the Plan and Project Review Committee had met to review the plan for an industrial park in Morristown opposite the airport. This was a first review. Because of the size of the project, a second meeting will be held next month on the project to give VTrans time to review the project. Seth Jensen will be collating the committee's questions and comments and sending them to the applicant for review. A 2nd meeting will be held in October with a final vote on the project's conformance to the Regional Plan. This is a big project and will trigger several Substantial Regional Impact (SRI) items. That will mean the Regional Plan will supersede the Morristown Municipal Plan only if there is a conflict between them.

Financial Procedures Update

The Board has reviewed these procedures and no changes have been made since the last review. There were only minor changes made to the document.

Duncan Hastings motioned to accept the Financial Procedures as presented. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried.

FY24 Financial Review – Budget to Actuals and Financial Statements

These are financials for the end of Fiscal Year 2024. The Board has requested financial updates quarterly and annually. The commission ended the year with a \$29,000 surplus due primarily to the increase in Municipal Appropriations. This surplus will go into the reserve fund. A revised FY25 budget will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

Brownfields Update

We have had an ongoing Brownfields project with DeNoia's Drycleaners for a couple of years. Recent soil testing revealed some issues there and on adjacent properties which will require some air testing. The Town and the State have been notified. There are no health concerns at this time. The Board will be updated on any results.

Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning

The Board has seen this document before and any concerns have been incorporated into the document. There was a brief discussion of the format of the document.

Brian Leven motioned to accept the document as presented. Dick Goff seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Grants

Four grants are being presented for approval by the Board. All except the BGS Energy Resilience grant are new and not in the approved budget. Tasha Wallis gave a brief overview of each grant and asked if the Board preferred to vote on them individually or as a group. Duncan Hastings requested that 'Johnson' be removed from before 'Vermont Studio Center' since it is not a town entity.

Greg Paus motioned to approve the slate:

BGS Energy Resilience in the amount of \$180,447.76

HMGP DR-4720 Hazard Mitigation in the amount of \$.37,149.94

Vermont Studio Center in the amount of \$35,782.14

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) Brownfields Funds in the amount of \$50,000

Duncan Hastings Seconded. Motion carried.

Act 184 Update

Tasha will be going to all Selectboards in the County to explain the impact of this new Act on the planning commission and municipalities. Regional Plans will now have to be approved by a new Land Use Resource Board. It is possible there will be a change in the Lamoille Land Use Map, we are still reviewing the statute. In addition, the Home Act will set regional state housing targets which will need to be assigned to each town rather than regionally.

Executive Director's Report

- Trucks from the Communications Union District (CUD) are out stringing lines across the county.
- Alberto Della Torre will be leaving the Lamoille County Planning Commission at the end of the week. The two interns have been promoted to Assistant Planners and hired full-time.
- The regional planning commissions were required by the legislature to hire a consultant to review their organizations. Board members as well as Selectboards and Planning Commission Chairs will be receiving surveys.

Community Updates

Morristown – The Housing Committee is working on more low and middle income housing.

Stowe – There were no stuckages in the Notch this summer for the first time in many years.,

Belvidere – The fiber rollout has been seen in Belvidere and much welcomed.

Wolcott – The revote on the wastewater project passed. The town has signed papers establishing a Town Forest. The Schoolhouse grant has been accepted.

Johnson – the bond for the industrial park was approved.

Elmore – The Fire Department Harvest Dinner is October 5th. The Assessors have started the reassessment.

North Hyde Park – The Gihon Hall has many events planned for the fall, which is their busy season.

Meeting Adjourned

Linda Martin motioned to adjourn. Dick Goff seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.