

Lamoille County Planning Commission

Belonging and Inclusion Committee Meeting

July 8, 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: Melissa Manka *(Video)*, Meghan Rodier *(Video)*, Georgeana Little

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Additions to the Agenda and Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Approval of July 8, 2024 Minutes

Carol Caldwell-Edmonds motioned to accept the July 8, 2024 minutes. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried with one abstention..

Discussion with Planners – Introducing the Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning to Towns.

Melissa Manka and Meghan Rodier, Regional Planners, told the committee that the Considerations for Inclusive Town Planning (the Considerations) was a nice holistic handout with can be an accompaniment to the Executive Summary of the Health Equity Toolkit developed by the Regional Planning Commissions. They especially liked the fact that it was organized by sections similar to Town Plans and so could be easily applied to all sections.

Meghan is currently working with Cambridge on renewal of their Town Plan. Cambridge has an Equity Committee so she will share this document with both the Equity Committee and the Planning Commission.

The Considerations should not be forced on communities but introduced on a case by case basis.

An Equity section could be developed on the web site to include the Considerations, the Health Equity Toolkit, and other documents which may be developed in the future.

Town input should be encouraged. Developing a survey to determine what is useful, what may be missing, how to improve its usefulness, and other town concerns would be useful.

Carol Caldwell-Edmonds will draft a survey to be shared with committee members and presented at the next meeting on December 3rd.

This survey could be a standalone survey or put at the end of the Considerations for further review.

General Committee Discussion

There was no further discussions.

Meeting Adjourned

Jeff Tilton motioned to adjourn. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.