

Lamoille County Planning Commission Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2024

LCPC Board Members present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Belvidere	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Morristown	Dan McLaughlin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cambridge Town	Dick Goff <i>(Video)</i>		Morrisville	Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cambridge Town	Sam Lotto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<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 <i>(Video)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johnson Town	Duncan Hastings <i>(Video)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Director	Roger Murphy <i>(Video)</i>
	Johnson Village	Lynda Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
Guests: Don McDowell, Brent Raymond

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

Caleb welcomed Don McDowell, Chair of the Morristown Selectboard and Brent Raymond, Morristown Town Manager. Members of the Board and Staff introduced themselves.

Changes to the Agenda and Public Comment

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

PPR Report

The Plan and Project Review Committee (PPR) discussed the committee's role in determining how the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) would address Act 250 permits in the future. The committee will look at the process and report back to the full Board at a future meeting.

The committee voted to recommend to the full Board that the MSI Industrial Park project be approved as consistent with the regional plan with three items added to the letter that the staff will prepare.

The PPR Committee also held a Public Hearing on the Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan and voted to recommend to the full Board that the plan be approved.

Open Public Hearing on Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan

Riki French motioned to open the Public Hearing on the Morristown/Morrisville Town Plan. Marina Meerburg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan

The plan is for both the Town and the Village. The Board has previously reviewed this plan and had concerns with one section. That section has been revised and reviewed and the concerns of the Board have been addressed. Everything else in the plan remains unchanged. The Boards' role involves 4 things, all of which have been reviewed by staff.

Close Public Hearing on Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan

Greg Paus motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan. Marina Meerburg seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Resolution of Approval of Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan

Brian Leven motioned to approve the Resolution of Approval of the Morristown/Morrisville Municipal Plan. Greg Paus seconded. Motioned carried with 14 ayes and 0 nays.

Confirmation of Morristown/Morrisville Planning Process

Seth Jensen has reviewed the Morristown/Morrisville Planning Process and found it meets the statutory requirements..

Greg Paus motioned to confirm the Morristown/Morrisville Planning Process. Marina Meerburg seconded. Motioned carried with 14 ayes and 0 nays.

MSI Industrial Park Project Review

Seth repeated the 3 additional items that the PPR Committee requested be added to the letter sent to the Public Service Department: transit routes, FAA compatibility, and turning lanes. Liz Courtney asked a question about water at the industrial park site. Dan McLaughlin asked

about energy planning. These areas will be addressed in the future but are outside of LCPC's role.

Greg Paus motioned that the staff be directed to write a letter to Act 250 with copies to the applicant and the Town, indicating that the project was in conformance with the Regional Plan, with the understanding that issues of transit routes, airport FAA clearzone, and turning lanes will be addressed and reserving the right to revisit the issue if the project changes. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of October 22, 2024 Minutes

Duncan Hastings motioned to accept the October 22, 2024 minutes. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

Health Equity Grant Approval

There was \$66,000 left in the original Health Equity Grant. This grant will help implement themes outlined in the Health Equity Toolkit developed with the original grant. The LCPC will be the lead Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for this grant. The LCPC's share is \$15,000.

Marina Meerburg motioned to approve the Health Equity grant in the amount of \$66,064.05. Greg Paus seconded. Motion carried.

Brownfields Funding Request

This funding will support Brownfields cleanup alternatives and a community relations plan for the Wolcott Town Forest property. The money will come either from the LCPC's EPA Brownfields grant or a state brownfields grant from Mount Ascutney Regional Committee (MARC).

Duncan Hastings motioned to award \$9,166 to the Wolcott Town Forest cleanup project. Riki French seconded. Motion carried.

FY25 Budget Approval

Linda Martin explained that the only change since the Board reviewed the Budget last month was to fix the Fringe item discussed at the October meeting. Since July the LCPC has received about an additional \$230,000, mostly for Smuggs and EPA projects.

Duncan Hastings motioned to accept the FY25 Budget of \$1,860,825. Marina Meerburg seconded. Motion carried.

Cancel December Meeting

Greg Paus motioned to cancel the December Board meeting. Riki French seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Tasha thanked the Board for their work on the Morristown/Morrisville Town Plan.

- Staff is beginning the Regional Plan update. The Mission and Vision statements are out of date and will be revised.
- Staff will get a demonstration of AI at the next staff meeting.

Community Updates

Morristown – The Town Plan has been approved. The Festival of Lights and Turkey Trot are coming up.

Stowe – The chicanes were a success. They are working on the Town plan which will address additional EV charging stations

Wolcott – Liz Courtney took the town walk at Bear Swamp and learned a lot about the area.

Belvidere – The school has been mothballed but the Community Club is planning programs at the school with a grant of \$1,800.

Elmore – The Elmore Store has new operators and will be closed for 6-9 months for renovations.

Hyde Park – The town was awarded a \$330,000 grant for improvements at the Fire Station, Town Hall, and the North Hyde Park Grange.

Cambridge – The ride from Cambridge to Morristown is now faster and nicer since the construction this summer.

Hyde Park Village – The Town and Village are working together on the town plan and cooperating in other ways.

Waterville – Last week they celebrated the 200th Anniversary of their charter.

Meeting Adjourned

Greg Paus motioned to adjourn. Marina Meerburg seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.