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**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Meeting Draft Minutes  
July 18, 2022**

**Members present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brian Leven  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marina Meerburg           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Riki French |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Linda Martin | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Carol Caldwell<br>Edmonds |                          |             |

**Staff:** Salvador Morales, Melanie Riddle, Meghan Rodier

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

**Call to order; Agenda Changes**

No changes to the agenda suggested.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

*Linda Martin moved to approve the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Leven. Marina Meerburg abstained.*

**Regional Plan Update**

Salvador Morales, LCPC Assistant Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Transportation Chapter and Energy Chapter. The committee was notified that due to technical issues the public transportation section of the chapter would need to be addressed later. Due to a time constraint last meeting, the committee picked back up on page 91 of the Transportation Chapter.

The Regional Plan Committee recommended the following changes to the draft Transportation Chapter and Energy Chapters of the Regional Plan:

Transportation Chapter

Page 91:

- The Committee suggested adding a list of Route 108 road work and stormwater projects planned in Smugglers Notch in the subsection, *Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway*. LCPC staff will check with Rob Moore on this for further input. It is worth noting bigger picture projects that will occur during the life of this Regional Plan update.

Pages 92-94:

- The Public Transportation section will be revisited with Rob Moore and the Committee at a later date.

Page 95:

- Add a chart addressing all potential modes of transportation regarding the commuting data under the "Current Use of System" section. Check with the APA regarding an updated definition of the distance that is considered feasible for commuting by bicycle or on foot. E-bikes may change this.

Pages 96

- Periodically check for updated Vermont Design Standards Manual and apply the updated language if possible, during the Regional Plan Update.

#### Regional Trails Map:

- Remove this map from the Transportation Section and reference it. Place this map in the Recreation Chapter.

#### Page 97:

- Add the word “commonly” in the first sentence so it reads “Walking is most commonly used...”
- Reword sentence about the Designated Village Centers to “Lamoille County has 10 Designated Village Centers, which are historic village centers.”

#### Pages 98:

- Update reference to Stowe Recreation Path to note it would be beneficial for the “schools and municipal facilities to be connected to this path.”
- Update second paragraph, second sentence-replace is with “in.”
- Under subsection “Planning for Facilities” investigate the Complete Streets Law and add any additional examples regarding features of complete streets including adding “widening road shoulders” to the list.

#### Page 99-101:

- Remove all mentions of Lamoille County Airport and replace it with the official name: Morrisville-Stowe Airport.

#### Page 103:

- Under subsection “Traffic Calming and Streetscaping”, add language regarding Complete Streets and the benefits to overall for public safety. Also include mention of recent traffic calming studies/projects in the County such as in North Hyde Park and Waterville.

### Energy Chapter

#### Page 108:

- Reference the recent Lamoille County Digester Study.

#### Page 109:

- Under Actions, add “and incentives”, after “LCPC supports initiatives...”
- Mention H518 in the action items. LCPC will outreach to municipalities regarding funding including H518 for energy efficiency audits, and implementation of energy efficiency, weatherization, and fuel switching practices in municipal buildings.
- Delete references to page numbers and just reference subsections.

#### Page 111:

- Add “Lamoille County” to chart so that readers have a better understanding of the data.
- Add additional bullet point regarding that employers should offer telework options when possible to reduce energy consumption.

#### Page 112-113:

- Make sure all the charts have similar color schemes so that categories for each chart do not confuse the reader. Include data sources below the charts/ check for format consistency with charts/tables in other sections of the Regional Plan.

#### Page 114:

- Move chart onto the same page as the residential heating paragraph.
- Add “other” percentage so that it equals 100% in residential heating paragraph.
- Update Commercial and Industrial Heating subsection.

#### Page 115:

- Update Electric Efficiency subsection with updated Efficiency Vermont data.

#### Page 116:

- Remove “bold” from first sentence under “Future Energy Use.” Remove extra period in this paragraph after “Lamoille County can contribute to achieving the state energy goals.”

Page 119:

- Under “Rate of Progress in Weatherization” subsection update this with latest info from Efficiency Vermont.
- Add number and percent of total single passenger vehicles in Lamoille County.

Page 124:

- Fix 2<sup>nd</sup> bubble so that all the text shows.

Page 126:

- Find and send letter to municipalities concerning scenic ridgelines.

Page 129:

- Add Cambridge preferred locations for energy generation if the Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan is adopted.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.