

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan/CWAC Meeting Draft Minutes
September 19, 2022**

Members present:

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

Guests: Karen Bates, Peter Danforth

Staff: Salvador Morales, Meghan Rodier

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Call to order; Agenda Changes

The minutes were moved down the agenda due to a lack of a quorum.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Meghan reminded the Committee that a topic meeting on “Knotweed Control and Techniques for Increasing the Success of Stream Buffers” will be held at the November 21st, 2022 Lamoille CWAC/Regional Plan Committee meeting. The first hour of the November meeting will be dedicated to the topic meeting. This meeting will include presentations and a discussion on strategies for the Winooski Tactical Basin Plan.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 22nd, 2022

Riki French moved to approve the August 22, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Marina Meerburg. Brian Levin abstained.

Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan Survey and Distribution Plan

Karen Bates presented the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan Survey. This survey is aimed to gauge Vermonter’s interest and understanding of water quality conditions in the watershed. The Clean Water Advisory Committee was asked to give their feedback. This survey is meant to be directed to towns and watershed partners. The goals of the survey are: Meet Vermont Water Quality standards, create interest in health of surface waters, and identify CWSP projects. The committee gave feedback on the survey focused on wording, length, and visuals. Karen Bates asked that LCPC assist in distributing the survey once it is in its final draft. LCPC can post the survey on Front Porch Forum and send targeted emails to municipalities and watershed partners. Peter Danforth, Director of the Lamoille County Conservation District offered to include the survey in the Lamoille NRCD’s newsletter and forward to the district’s watershed partner contacts in Lamoille County. The Committee recommended Karen provide a write up that can be distributed with the survey. Karen noted the survey can be posted on LCPC and the Lamoille NRCD’s websites for now. Initial outreach of the survey can take place in October and follow-up in November closer to the kickoff/topic meetings for the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan update.

Regional Plan Update

Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Land Use Strategy section.

The Regional Plan Committee recommended the following changes to the draft Land Use: Strategy section of the Regional Plan:

Land Use: Strategy section

Page 142:

- The Committee asked for LCPC to add hyperlinks to this section when other parts of the plan are mentioned. If possible, the Committee recommended taking this approach for other chapters in the Regional Plan.
- Trevor noted having visuals/maps zoomed into the Center and Enterprise planning areas would be helpful for interpretation of this section.
- Riki raised the question of whether Electric Vehicle infrastructure is referenced in this chapter. Meghan noted it is in the Energy Chapter. For this Land Use chapter look to see if it is mentioned where Transportation is discussed.

Page 144:

- Reword first bullet point under Agricultural Soils Mitigation to read “A development in which at least 50%of the total area is preserved as open space.”
- Under Working Lands-Forest section add reference to wildlife corridors and priority forest blocks.

Page 147:

- Add lead in language to provide better context for SRI Criteria bullet points.

Future Land Use maps:

- If possible, it would be beneficial to implement smaller more focused maps through the land use chapter as to bring more attention to the reader such as for the Center and Enterprise Areas.
- Future Land Use map:
 - The pink and red shades in the map and in the legend show up as similar colors. Adjust one to a different, more distinguishable color.
 - Update State Forest icon in the legend so it shows up.

What's next?

Pages 147-180

Land Use: Background and Inventory

Recreation: Strategy (Section 4: Our Sense of Place)

Recreation: Background and Inventory

Meeting adjourned: Marina Meerburg moved to adjourn, Linda Martin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.