
**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Committee Meeting Draft Minutes
October 17, 2022**

Members present:

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

Staff: Salvador Morales, Meghan Rodier

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Call to order; Agenda Changes

No agenda changes

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 19th, 2022

Trevor Braun moved to approve the September 19, 2022, minutes. Marina Meerburg seconded. All were in favor.

Significant Ridgelines Letter Response

Meghan Rodier gave the Committee an update on the responses received from municipalities regarding the Regionally Significant Ridgelines Letter. Stowe requested that the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor be mentioned in the Regional Plan. The Regional Plan does mention Shutesville in the Land Use Strategy section. LCPC staff will send Stowe the language in the Regional Plan and ask if that is satisfactory. If not, we will ask what language they would prefer when mentioning the wildlife corridor.

Regional Plan Update

Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Land Use Background, Recreation Strategy, and Recreation Background sections.

The Regional Plan Committee recommended the following changes to these sections:

Land Use: Background

Page 155:

- Remove sentence regarding municipalities reducing parking minimums.

Page 156/158:

- Reach out to municipalities regarding any upgrades to their water/wastewater treatment systems.

Page 157:

- Investigate language that can be added to stress the value of wastewater treatment systems for municipalities. Having access to a water/wastewater system adds value to a property.

Page 162:

- Leave in examples showing success of the brownfields program and note projects that are currently underway.

Page 163:

- Flag the Downtown Designation section to update as appropriate if Morristown renews Designation status.

Page 166:

- Check with municipalities if there are any new enterprise areas (Ex: Industrial Parks) in their town limits.

Page 167:

- Remove reference to the Vermont Peanut Butter Company.
- Mention breweries/expansion of microbreweries in Lamoille County under the Consumer non-durables manufacturing section.

Page 168

- Update percentage under Natural Resource Based Manufacturing.

Page 171

- Add Housing Associations/Road Associations, and other private enforcement strategies under non-Regulatory tools.

Page 172:

- Reference the Regional Plan map that shows conserved lands.

Recreation: Strategy

- Add map of town forests in this chapter.

Page 174:

- Add reference to mountain biking under Recreation as it is pivotal to Lamoille County.
- Add page # when referencing trails map (this map is in transportation section).

Page 175:

- Cross reference declaration of inclusion under policies/actions.
- Mention that new VT highways should incorporate wider road shoulders for walking/biking.

Recreation: Background and Inventory

Page 178:

- Add organization name/ data source when referring to VT obesity rates.

Page 179:

- Add that the Fishing Access at Fischer Bridge in Wolcott was modified to be wheelchair accessible.

Page 180

- Wolcott Town Forest is 709 acres.
- Reach out to Linda Martin to get a description of the Wolcott Town Forest to include on page 180.

Page 181

- Check to see up to date for VAST membership number.

Page 184

- Check if there is mention of risk of use of private property in the Regional Plan (VT Recreation Law-hike at your own risk). If not, add language in the Recreation chapter.

Page 185

- Change Future Trends header to Current Trends.
- Possibly add new future trends header with mention of health equity.
- Add “thoughtfully located” before sidewalks in last bullet point.
- Mention Stowe Mountain Resort parking/traffic issues.

Page 186

- Change 2009, to 2017 under Recreation, tourism, and economic opportunity.

Recreation Facilities map:

- Check to see if map includes Rickerson Farm and Brownsville for conserved lands.

What's next?

Working Lands: Strategy

Working Lands: Background and Inventory

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.