

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Committee Meeting Draft Minutes
January 24, 2023**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Carol Caldwell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trevor Braun |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rich Pearson | | Edmonds | | |

Staff: Salvador Morales, Meghan Rodier

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Call to order; Agenda Changes

No agenda changes. Salvador Morales mentioned the February meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the meeting falling on Presidents Day. Salvador will email the Committee to reschedule.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes: November, 21st, 2022

Marina Meerburg moved to approve the November 21st minutes. Rich Pearson seconded. All were in favor.

Regional Plan Update

Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Water Resources: Strategy and Background, and Flood Resiliency: Strategy

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

Water Resources: Strategy

Page 212:

- Add a policy or action item focused on knotweed/invasive species education.
- In language focused on knotweed make sure to use word “invasive species and knotweed.”

Water Resources: Background and Inventory

Page 219

- Map of fishing access: Note in the data sources the fishing access areas mapped are those designated and owned by VT Fish and Wildlife Department.

Page 220

- Ask LCPC’s GIS Planner, Alec Jones, if the lakes and ponds are from the official ANR list. Does this take into account bodies of water on private land? These questions refer to the reference on page 220 of “55 lakes and ponds within Lamoille County.” If only public water bodies are mapped the text should clarify that.

- Mention Green River Reservoir and its value as a water body that provides recreation and energy uses. Briefly note the ongoing litigation regarding permit renewal for power generation at this site. Ask Seth and Tasha for input on this language.

Page 221

- Change table 4-16 to 4-17 and make sure following tables are labeled correctly.
- Where did the rating system come from that is used in this table?
- Add language that acknowledges motorized boating regulations for local water bodies.

Page 222

- Reach out to Regional Plan Committee to get a more comprehensive list of swimming holes and update the table on page 222. For example, swimming holes that can be added include Journey's End in Johnson, Moss Glen Falls in Morristown, and Fosters in Stowe. Make sure the swimming holes added to the table are public ones and not on private land.
- Update wetlands acreage if needed and add percent change and the data source.

Page 223

- Update 2010 VSWI at top of page. There should be a more recent Wetlands Inventory.

Page 225

- Groundwater subheading, double check gallons/day water used per person.

Page 226

- Investigate if there is data on industrial/commercial sector groundwater use.
- Are there towns that are reducing salt usage on municipal roads during winter months? Check with Rob on this. Language on this may be in the Transportation Chapter.
- Brian reminded the Committee that we should include a policy and language in the Transportation chapter about balancing public safety and the efficiency of the transportation network. The Committee will revisit the Transportation chapter in February.

Page 229

- Add Belvidere recreation field wellhead protection area to list after Carol Caldwell-Edmonds checks on this.
- Check to make sure there is language in the Community Facilities chapter about progress in Lamoille regarding water/sewer system upgrades.

Page 230

- Change "down cutting" to fluvial erosion at the bottom of the page.
- Add knotweed information regarding surface water quality. Recognize that practices to control knotweed and invasive species may vary based on the scale of the infestation. Note the importance of native vegetation in terms of providing shade/cooling of riparian areas and attracting insects that aquatic life thrive on. Cooler surface waters have increased dissolved oxygen levels to support aquatic life. See notes and presentations from the Nov 21st CWAC meeting for more information on educational language to add.

Page 231

- Under stormwater subheading, add Lake Eden and Lake Elmore Watershed Action Plans.
- Reword last sentence of 3-acre rule paragraph.
- Add Lake Champlain TMDL Plan and the new Lake Champlain Action Plan. Remove Lake Champlain Restoration Plan.

Page 232

- First sentence, remove "are" before the word "developed".

Page 233

- Impaired and Priority Waters Map: Add a map inset for Morristown.
- Is "D" in the legend supposed to be yellow?
- Move map to page 231 and define "priority waters."

Flood Resilience: Strategy

Page 234

- 2nd bullet point, check statistic.

Revisit Introduction of the Regional Plan to ensure an action item to update the SRI Criteria is included.

Rich will share with Sal big picture thoughts/ edits for past chapters the Committee has reviewed since he joined the Committee later in the update process. Budget time at an upcoming Regional Plan Committee Meeting (March/April) for Rich to share bigger picture thoughts about concepts that may be missing in chapters previously reviewed by the Committee.

What's next?

Flood Resilience: Background and Inventory

Public Safety: Strategy

Transportation

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm