

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Committee Meeting Draft Notes  
April 17, 2023**

*\*Because of a lack of quorum, there was no approval of minutes/notes\**

**Members present:**

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

**Staff:** Salvador Morales, Meghan Rodier

**Guests:** Valerie Valcour (VDH) and Alison Link (HLV)

The meeting began at 4:05 pm.

**Call to order; Agenda Changes**

No agenda changes

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

*Linda Martin motioned to approve the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Marina Meerburg seconded the motion. All in favor. The March 20, 2023, meeting minutes will be posted as notes due to the lack of a quorum at that meeting.*

**JEDI Committee Draft Equity Impact Assessment Tool**

Meghan Rodier shared an explanation of the draft assessment tool with the Regional Plan Committee. *Carol Caldwell made a motion to utilize the Draft Equity Impact Assessment Tool on the Regional Plan as a test run internally for this tool. Linda Martin seconded this motion. All in favor. This is a voluntary tool that once vetted more internally can be shared with municipalities and partners for their use.*

**Regional Plan Update**

Meghan Rodier, LCPC Regional Planner, noted that LCPC received notes from Valerie Valcour with the Vermont Department of Health and Alison Link from Healthy Lamoille Valley on suggested Regional Plan edits to further promote health and wellness. Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Public Safety: Background & Inventory and Culture & Community Strategy/ Background and Inventory, and the Public Facilities and Services Strategy sections.

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

Public Safety: Background & Inventory

Page 267:

- Provide a description/definition of a constable and the roles they can play.
- Reference the 802 Safe Program in this section (Fire Departments can install free smoke detectors in residential properties)
- There is an Elmore EMS. Update references to Elmore Rescue Squad.

Page 270:

- Consider mental health and response service teams (see Alison Link's comments).

Page 271:

- In the police section note security services available and how a municipality can contract with the local police department to provide security services during special events.

Page 274:

- In the paragraph above Table 5-1, update the reference to All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Lamoille County to "municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans."
- Check FEMA definition for "unlikely" regarding drought and school safety issues. Is this still true?
- Look to see how other Regional Plans in Vermont address gun safety issues regarding school safety. The term "school safety" covers this.

### Community and Culture Strategy

Page 279:

- Note the 3-450 Partnership here to prevent early death from chronic diseases.
- Consider the "youth lens" and access to mental health services.

Page 238:

- Last paragraph, change Johnson Health Clinic to "Johnson Health Center." Mention Jenna's Promise.
- In the Wellness section note that Healthy Lamoille Valley is a program of the Lamoille Family Center.
- Mention recovery services such United Way and Capstone Community Action.
- Note the Women's Center at Copley Hospital.

Page 284:

- Refer to the municipalities Recreation Departments/Committees for youth sports and programming.
- Add a recommendation that municipalities inventory youth programs in their jurisdiction and make information about them easily accessible to the public.

Page 285:

- Reference the Hearts Safe Program. Morristown and Stowe are part of this.
- Update reference to "34" Lamoille County childcare facilities.

Page 286:

- Under workforce development section reference recovery friendly workplaces and trainings are an asset to the community. Jenna's Promise focuses on this.

Page 287:

- Mention the WIC Program under the Food Access section.

Page 288:

- Note the Meals on Wheels Program.
- Second paragraph, last sentence, say "The current estimate" for a family of four....

Page 289:

- See handout from Healthy Lamoille Valley on "Healthy Retailer Practices." Alison will forward LCPC staff language for cannabis healthy retailer practices.

Page 290:

- Look through the Regional Plan and update NVU to Vermont State University.
- Under the Public Facilities section consider noting cooling centers and encouraging more shade trees.
- Note community supported enterprises that support local businesses such as the Elmore Community Trust and Johnson Works.

Page 291:

- Second paragraph, note the Wolcott Library is now housed at the Depot Station near the Town Office, not at the Elementary School.

### Public Facilities Strategy

Page 293:

- Have a recommendation that explores appropriate locations for public needle disposal sites. See how municipalities incorporate this into their plans.
- See notes from Alison Link on adding no vape policies in public spaces.
- Note the Lamoille Valley Youth Coalition and language around valuing local youth.

### **What's next? (Next Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm)**

Discuss Regional Plan Outreach for Public Hearing and Adoption Process

Public Facilities and Services: Background and Inventory

Revisit LEAP Modeling Section of Enhanced Energy Plan

**Meeting adjourned:** Meeting ended at 5:35 pm