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Regional Plan Committee

by Video Conferencing (information below) or at LCPC's Office

June 20th, 2023 – 4:00 pm

Agenda

4:00 Adjustments to the Agenda & Opportunity for Public Comment

4:03 Approval of May 15th, 2023, Meeting Minutes – enclosed
Action Item

4:05 Equity Impact Assessment Tool and Draft Regional Plan Review

4:25 Review of 2023 Draft Regional Plan. **Download the draft Regional Plan here:**

https://www.lcpcvt.org/vertical/Sites/%7B3C01460C-7F49-40F5-B243-0CA7924F23AF%7D/uploads/Full_Plan_with_Tracked.pdf

Sections to focus review on include:

-Updated Implementation Plan Table (p.12-18)

-Revised Transportation chapter (p.81-115)

-Updated Introduction and LEAP Modeling sections of the Enhanced Energy Plan (p.116,127-136)

-Act 171 (Forest Integrity Act) language added to the Natural Resources Chapter (p.189-191, 209-214)

-Updated Health and Wellness section (p. 273-283)

5:45 Adjourn

Attachments:

May 15th, 2023, Minutes

LCPC Staff Review of Equity Impact Assessment of Regional Plan

Memo of Vermont DPS Feedback on Enhanced Energy Plan

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97206565796?pwd=YVBNTnpHNEJEUDFkODVwY05Rb3QyQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 0656 5796

Passcode: 877469

Join by Phone: (646) 558-8656

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Committee Meeting Draft Notes
May 15, 2023**

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

Staff: Salvador Morales, Meghan Rodier

The meeting began at 4:02 pm.

Call to order; Agenda Changes

Meghan asked the Committee to discuss rescheduling the June Regional Plan Committee meeting, so it does not fall on a holiday.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 17th, 2023

Linda Martin motioned to approve the April 17th, 2023, meeting minutes. Trevor Braun seconded the motion. Rich Pearson and Brian Leven abstained. All in favor.

Regional Plan Public Outreach

The Regional Plan Committee discussed different outreach methods for the Regional Plan public comment period. The last information session and first public hearing on the Plan will be held on July 25th at the LCPC Board Meeting. Additional outreach methods the Committee discussed include:

- An article in the newspaper in addition to the public hearing notice about the importance of the Regional Plan and to invite people to the last Information Session
- Post flyers at local grocery stores and Town Clerk Offices
- Postings on Front Porch Forum
- PSA on WLVB
- Consider holding the two hearings at different times
- Consider booking a larger venue to hold the hearings to accommodate more people

Regional Plan Update

Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Public Facilities and Services: Background and Inventory.

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

Public Facilities and Services: Background & Inventory

Page 296:

- Look into Morristown and Wolcott School capacity issues

Page 297:

- Table 5-3, fix typo regarding the years in 2nd column. It should say 2013 and through 2021.

- Put elementary at the end of the town names in column one.
- Reach out to Stowe and ask about capacity concerns. Also ask Hyde Park.
- Add a line chart for school enrollment from 2010-2020.
- Title Table 5-3 so it is clear what grades of school enrollment it captures.

Page 298

- Spell out HVAC
- Bottom of page explain all different levels of the school district governing structure (School District, Supervisory Union, Unified School District Boards).
- Add a paragraph about Act 46 (The School Merger).

Page 299

- Change school name to VSU Johnson throughout the plan.

Page 300

- Reach out to VSU and ask about Johnson employment data. Reach out to the VSU headquarters.

Page 301

- Remove reference of NAHA.

Page 302

- Add under Regional Discussion bullet points “Affordably priced workforce housing”.

Page 303

- Rewrite 2nd paragraph under public facilities. All divisions fall under the Superior Court.
- Mention options for re-burial sites at bottom of the page
- Check number of funeral homes

Page 304

- Spell out HHW (Household Waste)
- Reword act 148 blurb so its present tense.
- Reach out to Lamoille Waste regarding waste composition in Lamoille County.
- Rewire Compost subsection and mention businesses/facilities that collect and sell compost.
- 2nd paragraph, there are 7 transfer stations now. Update number of stations.

Page 306

- Reword last paragraph. Change to past tense.

Page 307

- Look for an updated map from the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District.

Maps

- Use zoom lines for the insets and/or color code border and make map clearer.
- Zoom out a bit on the Elmore Village Center inset to show the center and more of the Lake.

General Note

- Check with Seth to ensure there is not anything in the S100 Housing Bill that will effect the Regional Plan.

Meeting adjourned: Linda motioned to adjourn, Rich Pearson seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

What’s next? (Next Meeting June 20th at 4pm)

Full Plan Review/Final additions

LCPC Staff Notes on Equity Impact Assessment of the Draft Regional Plan

Page 27:

- Encourage the publication of local and regional recreation guides [in multiple languages](#) to highlight the Region's recreational offerings and provide funding opportunities to user groups to create guides or maps.

Page 78 (Transportation)

Action Item - Conduct periodic needs assessment to determine whether the region's various public transit services are meeting the needs of Lamoille County [in an equitable way](#).

Page 79

Action Item - Upon request, work with municipalities [and recreational stakeholders](#) to identify areas where bicycle parking or storage facilities should be established. When feasible, coordinate the location of bicycle parking/storage with existing or planned public transit service.

Commented [VH1]: Who benefits?

Page 81

Action Item - Work to install electrical vehicle charging stations in each of the region's Designated Downtowns and Village Centers and at park and ride locations, [and private businesses where appropriate](#).

Commented [VH2]: Who pays?

Page 140

Action - Ensure children [and youth](#) from rural areas and/or low income families are provided with the same digital opportunities as children [and youth](#) from urban areas and/or more affluent families.

Page 141

General note – move policy 5 up? Closer to access for all (good actions in policy 5 for policy 1)

Memorandum

To: LCPC Regional Plan Committee

From: Meghan Rodier, LCPC Regional Planner, Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner

Re: Summary of Comments from DPS on Lamoille County Enhanced Energy Plan

Date: June 15, 2023

Dear LCPC Regional Plan Committee,

The Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) provided feedback on the Enhanced Energy Plan of the Draft 2023 Regional Plan. Their feedback reaffirmed the current policies and action items in the Regional Plan, generally meet DPS's expectations regarding Act 174. There are recommendations on how we can strengthen the Enhanced Energy Plan which are covered at the end of this memo. When focusing on background information on energy topics in Lamoille County, DPS made recommendations such as: updating the comprehensive energy plan goals, adding additional language regarding state weatherization goals and LEAP data, and general edits (page number references, map edits, etc.). The LCPC originally sent the DPS a copy of our draft Regional Plan on April 25th. Since then, LCPC staff have a more finalized version of the draft that is currently available on our website. We will conduct further review of DPS's comments and revise the Energy Plan to ensure compliance with Act 174 Enhanced Energy Planning Standards. The LCPC will repost the revised draft of the Regional Plan to LCPC's website by June 23, 2023.

At the June 20th Regional Plan Committee meeting, we would like to reevaluate how LCPC can address the concern of a low electric vehicle adoption rate in our region, create more specific action items that can be carried out in the coming years, and how LCPC can better address equity concerns such as:

- *What communities will be most impacted by the Energy Plan policies or objectives,*
- *The distribution of benefits and burdens related to specific actions.*
- *Whether actions will address existing inequities.*
- *The extent to which communities were or will be consulted in the development of any programs or actions.*

Please recognize while LCPC staff will do their best to address DPS's comments, Plan amendments present additional opportunities to improve upon the Enhanced Energy Plan post adoption of the 2023 Regional Plan.