

1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**

2 **May 29, 2024**

3 **7:00 PM**

4 **Virtual Meeting**

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6 The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held using the Zoom platform.

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8 **Attendance**

9 Commissioners: *See attached*. A quorum was present to conduct business.

10 Staff: Catherine Dimitruk, Bethany Remmers, Marlena Valenta and Christine Porcaro.

11 Other Attendees: Al Voegele, Charlie Baker (CCRPC) and Adam Lougee (ACRPC).

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13 Chair W. Irwin welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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15 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

16 The NRPC Energy Plan Update agenda item was moved from #7 to #4, after Opportunity for Public
17 Comment.

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19 **Welcome, Introductions, Opening remarks**

20 Chair W. Irwin welcomed everyone to the NRPC's May board meeting followed by introductions.

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22 **Opportunity for Public Comment**

23 None.

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25 **NRPC Energy Plan Update**

26 C. Dimitruk thanked the Energy Committee for their hard work on the plan, including Committee Chair Al
27 Voegele who remained on the committee even after stepping down from the Board. C. Dimitruk noted
28 that because the energy plan is part of the regional plan, NRPC will go through the regional plan adoption
29 process which will include a series of public meetings and hearings in June and July. M. Valenta presented
30 an overview of the plan including the goals and policies and regional energy targets.

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32 **Minutes from the April meeting**

33 Under Commission Reports-Executive Committee, "did not meet" should be deleted on line 38.

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35 *B. Murphy moved to approve the April Board of Commissioners meeting minutes with corrections. M.*
36 *Scholten seconded. Motion carried.*

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38 **Commission Reports**

39 **Finance/Operations** – K. Waite reported that the Finance Committee is meeting on May 30th to
40 review the FY25 draft budget.

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42 **Personnel** – L. Ruple reported the committee will meet June 11th for annual staff reviews.

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44 **Executive Committee** –W. Irwin reported the committee met and reviewed legislative items,
45 Healthy Roots transition and internal procedures.

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47 **Project Review Committee** –The committee did not meet.

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2 **Transportation Advisory Committee** – H. Garrett reported that the May 9th committee meeting
3 included a presentation from the VTrans Bituminous Concrete Materials Manager.
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5 **Energy and Climate** – The committee met and completed final review of the draft energy plan.
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7 **Brownfields Committee** –C. Dimitruk reported that the committee approved a bridge loan for the
8 Champlain Transmission site on North Winooski Ave in Burlington. Assessment and cleanup
9 planning work is starting or ongoing at many sites throughout the region.
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11 **Regional Plan and Policy Committee** – P. Zamore reported that the committee met to review the
12 draft energy plan.
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14 **Municipal Plan Review Committee** –The committee did not meet.
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16 **Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)** – C. Dimitruk reported that there were no projects
17 from our region on the most recent VEPC agenda.
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19 **Green Mountain Transit** – B. Buermann reported that the GMT Board met and discussed the return
20 to fares (urban area only) and planning for the fiscal cliff that will necessitate route adjustments
21 primarily in the urban area.
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23 **Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation** – No report.
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25 **Staff Announcements**

26 C. Dimitruk noted that the June Board meeting would be in-person with dinner provided.
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28 **Healthy Roots Collaborative, Memorandum of Agreement with CVOEO**

29 C. Dimitruk reported that Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) approached NRPC this
30 spring about bringing the Healthy Roots staff and programming into the CVOEO’s expanded Feeding
31 Champlain program. The MOU—which will guide the transition—has been reviewed by the Healthy Roots
32 Advisory Committee and the NRPC Executive Committee.
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34 *B. Buermann moved to approve MOU. B. Morris seconded. A friendly amendment was offered and accepted*
35 *to allow C. Dimitruk to adjust the MOU as needed during negotiations with CVOEO. Motion carried.*
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37 **Commissioner Announcements**

38 Y. Dandurand reported a potential Canadian strike in June could impact land crossings and airports. S.
39 Hadd reported that Fairfax is completing a bylaw modernization project which includes an Official Map.
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41 **Adjourn**

42 *B. Buermann moved to adjourn. N. Spear seconded. Motion carried.*

43 The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.
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FY24 NPRC Board of Commissioners- Meeting Attendance

Municipality	Board Member	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
		7/26/23	No Meeting		No Meeting		No Meeting	1/31/24	2/28/24	3/27/24	4/24/24	5/29/24	
Frkln Cty Youth	Vacant	X											
GI Cty Youth	Vacant												
Alburg Town	Donna Bohanon Alex McCracken 6/24												
Alburg Town	Donna Boumil	X		X									
Alburg Village													
Alburg Village													
Bakersfield	Bill Irwin	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Bakersfield	Linda McCall	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Berkshire	Vincent Hickey/vacant	X											
Berkshire	Claude Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Leonard Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Vacant			X									
Enosburgh Town	Jesse Woods												
Enosburgh Town	Vacant												
Fairfax	Amber Soter- Barbara Murphy appt 4/24	E		E				X		X	X	X	
Fairfax	Sarah Hadd	X		X				X	X	X	E	X	
Fairfield	Doug Grant- Julia Callan- appt 4/24	X		X				X	E	-	X	X	
Fairfield	Chuck Verderber	X		X				X		X	X	X	
Fletcher													
Fletcher	Lori Ruple	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Franklin	Yvon Dandurand	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Franklin													
Georgia	Carl Renquist	-		-				-	-	E	X		
Georgia	Kirk Waite	X		E				X	X	X	X	X	
Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	X		X				X	E	E	X	X	
Grand Isle	Howard Demars	X						X	X	X	E	E	
Highgate	Jack Pelkey	X						X		X	X	X	
Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	X		X				X	X	X	X		
Isle La Motte	Sylvia Jensen	X		E					X	X	X		
Isle La Motte	Mary-Catherine Graziano	X		E							E		
Montgomery	Leanne Barnard												
Montgomery	Mike Brouillette												
North Hero	Andy Alling	X		X				X	X	X	E	X	
North Hero	Mike Curtis	X		E				X		E	E		
Richford	Marissa Tessier	-		-				-	-	X	E		
Richford	Vacant												
Sheldon	Vacant												
Sheldon	Jeff Kane												
South Hero	Peter Zamore	X		X				X	E	X	X	X	
South Hero	Bob Buermann	X		X				X	E	X	X	X	
St. Albans City	Elisabeth Nance 6/24												
St. Albans City	Chip Sawyer	X		E				X	X	X	X	E	
St. Albans Town	Marietta Scholten	E		X				X	E	X	X	X	
St. Albans Town	Megan Sherlund	E		X				X	E	X	X	E	
Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X		X				X	X		X	X	

Swanton Town	Nicole Draper	X		X				X	X	X			
Swanton Village	Heidi Britch Valenta	E		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Swanton Village	Neal Speer	X								E	X	X	
# MUNICIPALITIES				12		14		14	13	16	14	13	

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