

**NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**June 26, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**St. Albans Bay Park**  
**596 Lake Street (Route 36)**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held in person and using the Zoom platform.

**Attendance**

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

Staff: Catherine Dimitruk, Bethany Remmers, Christine Porcaro, Maddie Yandow, Sara Gratz, Dean Pierce, Kyle Grenier, Marlena Valenta, Amy Adams, Emily Kloft, Mike Johnston, Luke Slomba, Danielle Turin, Barry Lampke, Peter Jenkins

Chair Bill Irwin welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:10.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

No adjustments were made.

**Welcome, Introductions, Opening remarks**

Chair Bill Irwin welcomed everyone to the NRPC's June board meeting followed by introductions.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**Minutes from the May meeting**

Yvon Dandurand motioned to approve the May Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Chuck Verderber seconded. Motion carried. Elisabeth Nance, Sharon Bousquet, and Alex McCracken abstained.

**Commission Reports**

**Finance/Operations** – Kirk Waite reported that the committee met on May 30<sup>th</sup> to review the draft FY25 budget.

**Personnel** – Lori Ruple reported that the committee met on June 11<sup>th</sup> for annual reviews. She also shared that NRPC has advertised for a Project Manager position to assist with Clean Water Service Provider work.

**Executive Committee** – Bill Irwin reported that the committee met to review legislative items, the Healthy Roots transition, and internal procedures.

**Project Review Committee** – Bob Buermann provided an update from the project review committee. They are recommending an Act 250- Northwest Vermont Solid Waste project and a Section 248a- Verizon Wireless project for approval. Kirk Waite motioned to approve. Barbara Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

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2 **Transportation Advisory Committee** – Harold Garrett reported that the committee met on June  
3 16<sup>th</sup> and annual elections were held. Harold Garrett and Peter Magnant were re-elected as Chair  
4 and Vice Chair, respectively. Updates were provided for regional projects including bridge closures  
5 in Swanton Village and Fairfield, I-89, VT-104 and VT-105 paving, and Exit 19/VT-104 scoping.  
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7 **Energy and Climate** – Peter Zamore reported that the committee met and completed final review  
8 and endorsement of the draft energy plan.  
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10 **Brownfields Committee** – Megan Sherlund reported that the committee met on June 17<sup>th</sup> and  
11 shared that they approved Section 106 compliance reports for archeology at 6 South River and  
12 historic architecture at the Highgate Village Core. They also approved the preparation of an ABCA  
13 and Soil Management Plan for the Maquam Bay site in Swanton. The Executive committee approved  
14 a loan for the Champlain Transmission site on North Winooski Ave. in Burlington. Staff continues to  
15 coordinate with the Town of St. Johnsbury to finalize the grant for cleanup at the Armory  
16 redevelopment project.  
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18 **Regional Plan and Policy Committee** – The committee will meet on June 27<sup>th</sup> for the final review of  
19 the energy plan.  
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21 **Municipal Plan Review Committee** – The committee did not meet.  
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23 **Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)** – There are currently no projects proposed within the  
24 region.  
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26 **Green Mountain Transit** – Bob Buermann and Catherin Dimitruk reported that the Board met and  
27 discussed return to fares (urban area only) and planning for the fiscal cliff that will necessitate route  
28 adjustments primarily in the urban area, and potential changes in the rural operator.  
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30 **Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation** – No report.  
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32 **Staff Announcements-** Bethany Remmers and Catherine Dimitruk recognized Mike Johnston and  
33 offered thanks for his four years at NRPC.  
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### 35 **Healthy Roots Collaborative Recognition**

36 Christine Porcaro gave a brief presentation on the many accomplishments that Healthy Roots achieved  
37 during their time at NRPC. Catherine Dimitruk offered her thanks to Christine Porcaro and Peter Jenkins for  
38 their work with Healthy Roots.  
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### 40 **NRPC Energy Plan Update**

41 Marlena Valenta provided an update on the Energy Plan and asked for Commissioners to submit their final  
42 comments and questions.  
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1 **Election of Officers and Representatives for FY 25**

2 Yvon Dandurand reviewed the Nominating Committee Report and placed the nominees for election. The  
3 slate of nominees for FY25 Officers was put to vote and approved. The slate of nominees for FY25 NRPC  
4 Representatives was placed in nomination by Y. Dandurand, put to vote and approved.

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6 **FY 25 Overall Work Program and Budget**

7 Kirk Waite provided an update on the work program budget. Elisabeth Nance motioned to approve the  
8 budget. Chip Sawyer seconded. Motion carried.

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10 **FY 25 Committee Assignments**

11 Bob Buerman encouraged Board members to serve in various NRPC committees and a sign-up sheet was  
12 passed around.

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14 **Commissioner Announcements**

15 Howard Demars and others offered thanks and appreciation to Bill for his service as Chair.

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17 **Adjourn**

18 Elisabeth Nance motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barclay Morriss seconded. The June Board Meeting was  
19 adjourned at 7:56 pm.