



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUTH HERO TOWN REPORT - 2024

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Buermann

2024 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided general local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant management services for a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work related to restoring the South Hero Meeting House.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and local officials.
- Provided business assistance to two South Hero farms.
- Granted regional approval to the South Hero Town Plan.
- Provided technical assistance on streetscape and sidewalk planning in the village area.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program on a regular basis.
- A South Hero orchard donated apples to the HRC gleaning program that were then delivered to food sites throughout the two counties.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with South Hero Land Trust and the Worthen Library, co-run a Winter Wednesdays series highlighting nature and food.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the Bicentennial Museum and Town Garage, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Working with a South Hero Committee to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans grant to study safety issues at the intersection of US 2 and Featherbed Lane.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.