



**Northwest
Regional Planning
Commission**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**December 11, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting
Via Zoom
Access Information Below**

**Physical Meeting Location:
75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans**

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda**
- 2. Welcome, introductions, opening remarks** –Peter Zamore, *Chair*
- 3. Opportunity for Public Comment**
- 4. Spotlight on Fairfax**
- 5. Minutes of the October 2024 Meeting** (*action item*)
- 6. Commission Reports:** written reports enclosed
 - Finance/Operations**– *Kirk Waite*
 - Personnel** – *Bob Buermann*
 - Executive Committee** – *Peter Zamore*
 - Project Review** (*no action needed*)– *Harold Garrett*
 - Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** – *Harold Garrett*
 - Brownfields Committee** – *Megan Sherlund*
 - Regional Plan and Policy Committee**- *Lori Ruple*
 - Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC)** –*Barbara Murphy*
 - Green Mountain Transit**- *Bob Buermann/Catherine Dimitruk*
 - Healthy Roots Advisory Committee**- *Marietta Scholten*
 - Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation**- *Kirk Waite*
 - Office**-*Staff*

7. NRPC Bylaw Changes (*discussion item*)

See draft changes sent separately. Bylaws require a 21-day notice for comments prior to adoption.

8. Approval of Municipal Plans, Confirmation and Energy Determination

Plan approval and confirmation: Sheldon and Isle La Motte

Determination of energy compliance:

Sheldon, Isle La Motte, Montgomery, Highgate and South Hero

9. Year in Review and Recognition of Commissioners and Staff

10. Commissioner Announcements

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1 **NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting**
2 **October 30, 2024 at 6:30 PM**
3 **Hybrid Meeting (St. Albans Town Hall and Zoom)**
4 **Northwest Regional Planning Commission**
5 **75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478**
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7 **Attendance**

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

9 NRPC Staff: Catherine Dimitruk, Bethany Remmers, Greta Brunswick, Nora Brown Dean Pierce, Kyle
10 Grenier, Cliff Jenkins, Luke Slomba.

11 Other attendees: Sean Adkins, St. Albans Town Manager

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13 Chair Peter Zamore called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
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15 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

16 None.

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18 **Welcome, Introductions, Opening remarks**

19 The Chair welcomed everyone to the NRPC’s October board meeting followed by introductions.
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21 **Opportunity for Public Comment**

22 None.
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24 **Spotlight on St. Albans Town**

25 Megan Sherlund, Director of Community Relations and Sean Adkins, Town Manager, provided an overview
26 of projects currently underway in St, Albans Town. Projects include: Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
27 Master Plan, St. Albans Bay Vision Plan, US RT 7 North-Shared Use Path, Sidewalk build out on US RT 7 South,
28 St. Albans Town Health Path, Updates to the St. Albans Town Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Updates to
29 town stormwater infrastructure.
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31 **Minutes from the September 2024 Meeting (*action item*)**
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33 *C. Rosenquist motioned to approve the September 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as*
34 *presented. J. Pelkey seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.*
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36 **Commissioner Reports**
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38 Finance/Operations: K. Waite stated that the committee did not meet. C. Dimitruk noted that the
39 2023 financial audit field visit has been completed.

40 Personnel – B. Buermann stated that the committee did not meet.

41 Executive Committee – P. Zamore stated that the committee met and reviewed the Public
42 Participation Plan.

43 Project Review Committee (no action needed)

44 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)– K. Grenier, in H. Garrett’s absence gave a brief overview
45 of the October meeting which featured a presentation from VAOT: Rail Plan update, and regionally
46 significant rail trail projects.

47 Brownfields Committee – M. Sherlund stated that the committee did not meet.

48 Regional Plan and Policy Committee – L. Ruple stated that the committee did not meet but will
49 meet in November.

50 Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) – B. Murphy stated there were no updates.

51 Green Mountain Transit – C. Dimitruk stated that the board has met often over the past month to
52 discuss urban service cuts, study to examine rural service, next round of urban service cuts, which
53 could impact service in St. Albans and Milton.

54 Healthy Roots Advisory Committee – B. Remmers stated that the transfer to CVOEO is going well.

55 Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation – K. Waite stated there was no update to report.

56 Staff Announcements – G. Brunswick noted that the village of Highgate recently received a
57 designated neighborhood development area, the first in the region.

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59 **NRPC Public Participation Policy** (*action item*)

60 C. Dimitruk provided a brief overview of the policy. H. Demars asked about the implementation timeline
61 and how newly incurred costs of the policy would be considered. C. Dimitruk noted that many of the
62 factors included are currently happening, but that the policy gives the opportunity for a focus on
63 consistency and clear expectations. Dimitruk also noted that while there is not a specific line in the NRPC
64 budget to address the plan, that individual projects factor in time and budget for the implementation of
65 public participation. K. Waite noted that the plan had been reviewed and recommended for adoption by
66 the Executive Committee.

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68 *H. Demars motioned to adopt the presented Public Participation Policy document and incorporate into work*
69 *plans as necessary. L. McCall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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71 **Northern Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan** (*action item*)

72 D. Pierce provided a brief overview of the plan, and noted that there is an NRPC staff recommendation to
73 find that the Northern Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan is in conformance with the Northwest Regional
74 Plan.

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76 *B. Murphy motioned to find that the Northern Lake Champlain Tactical Bassin Plan is in conformance with*
77 *the Northwest Regional Plan, as required by 10 VSA §1253(d) (2)(I). B. Buermann seconded. Motion carried*
78 *unanimously.*

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80 *K. Waite motioned to find the Department of Environmental Conservation works closely with NRPC when*
81 *prioritizing water quality improvement projects within the region, as required by 10 VSA §1253(d) (3)(D). B.*
82 *Buermann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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84 **Commissioner Announcements**

85 C. Rosenquist thanked NRPC for their recent 3-Acre Permit overview presentation. Rosenquist asked if
86 there was any possibility to create or fund a study to identify opportunities for municipalities and other
87 parties, who have limited staff and appropriate professional resources, to implement the 3-Acre rule.

88 D. Pierce noted that NRPC is currently devoting staff and intern time to identify possible opportunities
89 and/or resources.

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91 B. Morris noted hearing discussions/opinions about possible needs for more structured county government
92 as a result of recent flooding and FEMA/community needs. Morris wondered how this might affect NRPC.

93 C. Dimitruk stated that there is a current county and regional governance study committee that has been
94 working since last year to address similar questions, so she believes this will be a topic of discussion during
95 the upcoming legislative session, but is unsure if it will reach any action this year.

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97 **Adjourn**

98 *C. Rosenquist motioned to adjourn. B. Morris seconded. Motion carried.*

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100 *The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.*

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FY25 NPRC Board of Commissioners- Meeting Attendance

Municipality	Board Member	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
		7/31/24	No Meeting	9/25/24	10/30/24	TBD	TBD	1/29/25	2/13/24	3/13/24	4/10/24	5/28/24	6/25/25
Frkln Cty Youth	Vacant												
Gl Cty Youth	Vacant												
Alburg Town	Alex McCracken	X		X									
Alburg Town	Donna Boumil												
Alburg Village	Vacant												
Alburg Village	Vacant												
Bakersfield	William Irwin	X			E								
Bakersfield	Linda McCall	X		X	X								
Berkshire	Vacant												
Berkshire	Claude Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Leonard Charron												
Enosburg Falls	Vacant												
Enosburgh Town	Jesse Woods												
Enosburgh Town	Vacant												
Fairfax	Barbara Murphy	X		X	X								
Fairfax	Sarah Hadd	E		X	X								
Fairfield	Julia Callan	X		X	X								
Fairfield	Chuck Verderber	X		X	X								
Fletcher	Vacant												
Fletcher	Lori Ruple	X			X								
Franklin	Yvon Dandurand	X		X	X								
Franklin	Wesley Kempton												
Georgia	Carl Rosenquist	X		X	X								
Georgia	Kirk Waite	X		X	X								
Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	X			X								
Grand Isle	Howard Demars	X		X	X								
Highgate	Jack Pelkey	X			X								
Highgate	vacant	X		X									
Isle La Motte	Sylvia Jensen	X			X								
Isle La Motte	Mary-Catherine Graziano												
Montgomery	Leanne Barnard												
Montgomery	Mark Brouillette												
North Hero	Andy Alling	X		X	X								
North Hero	Mike Curtis	X		X	X								
Richford	Marissa Tessier												
Richford	Vacant												
Sheldon	Vacant												
Sheldon	Jeff Kane												
South Hero	Peter Zamore	X		X	X								
South Hero	Bob Buermann	E		X	X								
St. Albans City	Elisabeth Nance	X		X	E								
St. Albans City	Chip Sawyer			X	E								
St. Albans Town	Marietta Scholten			X	E								
St. Albans Town	Megan Sherlund	X			X								
Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X		X	E								
Swanton Town	Nicole Draper			X	X								
Swanton Village	Heidi Britch-Valenta	X		X	X								
Swanton Village	Neal Speer				X								
	# Municipalities	16	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

QUORUM = 12

E= Excused ; X=Present

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2024

12/03/24

Accrual Basis

	<u>Nov 30, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · People's Checking Account	307,559.62
1020 · People's Money Market Account	11,086.74
1035 · New England Federal Cr~1Year CD	46,923.84
1036 · New England Fed Cr-CD 5 Year	65,999.39
1037 · Lamoille CWSP	270,584.69
1038 · Missisquoi CWSP	656,510.37
1040 · Union Bank	188,737.35
1080 · Petty Cash	9.05
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,547,411.05</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	207,736.96
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>207,736.96</u>
Other Current Assets	
Account for Credit Transfer	-2,300.00
1400 · Prepaid Expenses	260.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-2,040.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,753,108.01</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,753,108.01</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	55,622.11
Total Accounts Payable	<u>55,622.11</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	558.99
2100 · Employee Health Ins. Payable	1,957.73
2110 · Health Equity	5,341.15
2120 · Accrued Payroll	39,612.27
2130 · Accrued Vacation	63,556.32
2200 · Federal Withholding Tax Payable	1,880.00
2210 · Social Security Tax Payable	2,258.92
2212 · Medicare Tax Payable	528.28
2213 · VT Tax Withholding Payable	3,167.91
2215 · Retirement Payable	11,834.58
2250 · Deferred Revenue	1,104,175.91
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,234,872.06</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,290,494.17</u>
Total Liabilities	1,290,494.17
Equity	
Building Reserve	61,000.00
Equipment Reserve	20,000.00
Long Term Reserves	213,720.00
PAT Reserve	22,000.00
3900 · Fund Balance	217,855.76
Net Income	-71,961.92
Total Equity	<u>462,613.84</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,753,108.01</u></u>

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through November 2024

	Jul - Nov 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4016 · EDA	10,501.46	145,000.00	-134,498.54	7.24%
4026 · Grants in Aid Pilot Program	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4030 · ACCD	332,693.97	602,798.00	-270,104.03	55.19%
4035 · VAOT	86,010.10	362,650.00	-276,639.90	23.72%
4044 · Shared Services	82,766.82	274,335.00	-191,568.18	30.17%
4045 · Public Safety	1,959.40	58,626.00	-56,666.60	3.34%
4047 · Municipal Assessments	68,388.00	68,389.00	-1.00	100.0%
4050 · Municipal Contracts	17,316.00	88,850.00	-71,534.00	19.49%
4054 · Other State Grants	22,936.97	191,000.00	-168,063.03	12.01%
4055 · Other Federal Grants	31,735.00	621,755.00	-590,020.00	5.1%
4056 · VANR	8,684.57	219,121.00	-210,436.43	3.96%
4058 · Clean Water Service Provider	34,903.54	1,035,630.00	-1,000,726.46	3.37%
4059 · RSEP-St. Albans Town & City	1,576.87	10,000.00	-8,423.13	15.77%
4080 · Misc. Income	12,495.36	43,000.00	-30,504.64	29.06%
4600 · Interest Income	1,470.10	1,500.00	-29.90	98.01%
Total Income	713,438.16	3,732,654.00	-3,019,215.84	19.11%
Expense				
5010 · Salaries & Wages	449,386.19	1,099,128.00	-649,741.81	40.89%
5015 · Employer Social Security	27,065.66	68,145.94	-41,080.28	39.72%
5016 · Employer Medicare	6,329.86	15,937.36	-9,607.50	39.72%
5020 · Fringe Benefits	91,697.91	261,927.00	-170,229.09	35.01%
5030 · Travel	4,097.55	18,000.00	-13,902.45	22.76%
5040 · Advertising	3,922.60	5,000.00	-1,077.40	78.45%
5055 · Insurance-Liability	1,798.00	12,000.00	-10,202.00	14.98%
5080 · Meetings	6,150.12	16,000.00	-9,849.88	38.44%
5085 · Membership Dues	14,630.00	13,000.00	1,630.00	112.54%
5090 · Technology and GIS	513.98	17,665.00	-17,151.02	2.91%
5092 · Healthy Roots Expense	549.42	12,739.00	-12,189.58	4.31%
5095 · Software	4,818.34	48,500.00	-43,681.66	9.94%
5100 · Supplies & Furniture	9,881.00	65,000.00	-55,119.00	15.2%
5660 · Postage	534.96	2,500.00	-1,965.04	21.4%
5680 · Printing & Copies	65.34	7,000.00	-6,934.66	0.93%
5700 · Telephone	6,518.80	19,500.00	-12,981.20	33.43%
5800 · Bank Charge	9.00	0.00	9.00	100.0%
6200 · Foundation Transfer	21,250.00	21,250.00	0.00	100.0%
6300 · Professional Services	125,739.63	1,943,504.00	-1,817,764.37	6.47%
6400 · Building/Utilities	7,203.75	46,375.00	-39,171.25	15.53%
6500 · Payroll Expenses	3,237.97	0.00	3,237.97	100.0%
Total Expense	785,400.08	3,693,171.30	-2,907,771.22	21.27%
Net Income	-71,961.92			

Open Invoices as of November 30, 2024 \$207,736.96 Original Mortgage

Franklin County Industrial Dev Corp - outstanding mortgage **\$71,748.13 \$130,000**

Committee and Staff Reports – December

Committee Reports:

Committee Chair/Appointee	Meeting Date	Next Meeting Date	Main Agenda Items/Topics
Executive <i>Peter Zamore</i>	11/19/24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft bylaw changes. • Regional plan update and schedule.
Finance/Operations <i>Kirk Waite</i>	11/12/24	1/9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed early draft of capital budget plan for the building and other NRPC assets. • Will meet in January to review the FY24 audit.
Personnel <i>Bob Buermann</i>	None	TBD	
Project Review <i>Harold Garret</i>	11/13/24	12/11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business report enclosed. • Board action is not required.
Regional Plan and Policy <i>Lori Ruple</i>	11/13/24	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Act 181 and its implications for NRPC regional plan. • Reviewed regional plan update schedule. • Discussed housing targets and potential methodology for meeting targets.
Transportation Advisory Committee <i>Harold Garrett</i>	None	1/9/25	
Municipal Plan Review Committee <i>Sarah Hadd</i>	11/20/24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public hearings for regional approval of Sheldon and Isle la Motte town plans. • Public hearings for determination of energy compliance for enhanced energy plans: Sheldon, Isle la Motte, Montgomery, Highgate and South Hero. • Preliminary review of draft Grand Isle town plan.
Brownfields Adv. Committee <i>Megan Sherlund</i>	11/25/24	1/20/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved assessment funds for the South Hero Meeting Housing supplemental phase 2 assessment
VT Economic Progress Council, <i>Barbara Murphy</i>	None	12/12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regional applications are anticipated for December.
Green Mountain Transit <i>Bob Buemann, Catherine Dimitruk</i>	11/12/24	12/17/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved reduced frequency of the #86 Montpelier and #286 Waterbury LINKs (March 2025) • Combined the #56 Milton Commuter and the #96 St. Albans LINK into one route (June 2025)

NRPC has a YouTube channel for Board meetings, trainings and select committee meetings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1JLkE8lwP-Vjd-5RYRaQjQ>

Staff Reports:

Transportation

- Staff attended Vermont Rail Plan meeting #1, held in St. Albans. This statewide plan serves as a guide for the future use of passenger and freight rail. Public participation and comments revolved heavily around hopeful resumption of passenger service to Montreal and beyond, updated efficiency and infrastructure, competitive opportunities.
- Met with Swanton Village staff for a tour of candidate sites for possible Better Roads projects, Grants In Aid projects, and projects which could possibly utilize remaining Missisquoi Bay Clean Water funds.
- Attended the Highgate Springs Land Port of Entry (LPOE) public meeting, presented by General Services Administration staff and consultants.
- Participated in a meeting with Secretary Flynn (VTrans), Secretary Tebbetts (Agriculture), Deputy Secretary Brooks (ACCD), and representatives from the Franklin County Field Days board to discuss the deadline for Field Days to relocate from the Franklin County Airport property.
- Attended RPC Rail Trail Council meeting. Discussions revolved around potentially organizing events that bring together council members, ambassadors, volunteers, and other agencies, from across the state (and all rail trails) to bolster initiative support, share strategies and marketing insights, and general collaboration.
- Attended St. Albans MVRT extension meeting with St. Albans City, VTrans, and VHB staff. Preliminary plans for the extension termination and trailhead/parking area were reviewed and discussed.
- NRPC serves as the Municipal Project Management (MPM) for many local transportation projects. Recent activities and/or milestones include:
 - *Pidgeon Hill Culvert (Franklin)*- Coordinated possible change order for the recently constructed project.
 - *Longley Bridge Road Streambank Restoration (Montgomery)*- Corresponded with local, state, and federal officials regarding post-construction monitoring and documenting vegetation survival.
 - *Streetscape Improvements Project (Montgomery)*- Reviewed phase 1 archeological investigation report.
 - *Sidewalk Scoping Study (Richford)*- Coordinated and attended the 11/14/24 alternatives public meeting.
 - *Sidewalk Scoping Study (Sheldon)*- The Sheldon Selectboard has approved NRPC serving as the MPM for this study to develop new bike/pedestrian connections from the elementary school to the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail and nearby businesses.

Emergency Management

- Held a Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee meeting on December 2nd. Meeting included information regarding how limited operational hours at the Alburgh Border Crossing would impact mutual aid calls and strategies to allow for first responders to legally cross during closures.
- Scheduled Franklin County Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting for December 18th. There will be an after-action review of the statewide full-scale exercise (cyber terrorism) held earlier this year.
- Continued outreach and coordination efforts regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Several municipalities in the region submitted letters of interest including flood buyouts, generators and road infrastructure projects.
- Continued working with Fairfax and South Hero on updating their Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and supporting Alburgh, Grand Isle and North Hero's HMP planning efforts.

GIS

- Continued updating the Community Maps of the municipalities in the Northwest Region.

Municipal Planning

- Provided Sheldon and North Hero with zoning services.

- Supported the Town of South Hero’s community wastewater project including ongoing coordination on the ARPA grant scope of work and purchasing the Lavin property to design and develop a community wastewater system. A purchase and sales agreement was executed in late November.
- Supported the Town of Highgate’s village wastewater project with project management assistance specific an Environmental Service Agreement amendment and compliance with the project schedule.
- Continued work on the Town of Grand Isle municipal plan, including completing final edits for the Planning Commission hearing draft and noticing the Planning Commission public hearing for December 17th.
- Began work on the Town of Franklin municipal plan update and met with the Planning Commission to discuss the first round of edits.
- Met with the Montgomery Planning Commission to review a short-term rental ordinance and prepare for a public outreach event.
- Developed and mailed a postcard to advertise a survey for the Richford’s town plan update.
- Met with the Town of Fairfield Planning Commission to further work on a zoning bylaw update project focusing on development regulations in the rural areas of town. NRPC reviewed examples of zoning regulations related to density, subdivision, PUD and resource conservation. The next step is reviewing with the Selectboard and planning for a public outreach in January.
- Revisited the Georgia Town Plan preliminary review for regional approval and gave additional comments to the Georgia Selectboard.
- Met with the Towns of Berkshire and Bakersfield to review their bylaws compliance with the HOME Act and Act 181.
- Met with the Bakersfield Conservation Commission to discuss potential funding opportunities for structural work on their historic town-owned carriage barn structure.

Regional Planning

- Published an online housing dashboard that will displays new housing development from 2020 to 2023 by type and location at the municipal level. The dashboard is available on the NRPC website at <https://www.nrpcvt.com/regional-data/>.
- Prepared schedule for the upcoming regional plan update to come into compliance with Act 181.
- Participated in the drafting, review and editing of the regional future land use mapping methodology being developed by VAPDA in accordance with Act 181, including mapping test scenarios for the northwest region.
- Attended a statewide RPC meetup for land use planners on November 13th, which included a presentation on the draft regional future land use mapping methodology.

Climate & Energy

- Continued assisting municipalities in the implementation of Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) with technical assistance and ongoing communication with the Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS).
- Worked with Bakersfield and Swanton on Community Tree Planting Grant applications that are due January 10th.
- Completed two municipal input sessions for the updated Climate Action Plan.
- Participated in Efficiency Vermont partners meetings to provide feedback on programs and implementation
- Began disaggregation of energy targets for municipal energy plans.

Water Quality

- Continued as the regional Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for two basins. Recent CWSP activities included:
 - Hosted bi-monthly Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) meetings.
 - Reviewed funding applications; processed invoices and executed a new partner master agreement.
 - Improved communication through website updates and reporting.
 - Developed tracking systems for operations and management (O&M) for CWSP funded projects.

- Provided feedback on VAPDA's phosphorus calculation letter to DEC.
- Continued to carry out FY 24-25 Tactical Basin Planning work plan:
 - Submitted comments on NRPC's review of the Tactical Basin Plan.
 - Participated in regional partnership meetings.
- Continued to investigate potential water quality projects near Lake Carmi. Supported task force created as outgrowth of Town of Franklin "Community Voices" project by preparing and sharing watershed landowner maps.
- As part of NRPC-led Regional Stormwater Education Program (RSEP), arranged annual meeting and coordinated budgeting and invoice processing with RSEP partners.

Workforce & Economic Development and Northern Vermont Economic Development District (NVEDD)

- NVEDD is done in partnership with Lamoille County Planning Commission, Lamoille County Industrial Development Corporation, Northeastern VT Development Association, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation and Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation.
- Hired engineering consultant to complete hydraulic modeling along sections of the Lamoille River and its tributaries within the communities of Hardwick, Wolcott, Johnson, Jeffersonville, and Cambridge, Fairfax and Georgia. The modeling will be used to better assess flood vulnerability and identify solutions to reduce flood risks for critical economic development infrastructure. The project is funded through an EDA Disaster Resiliency Grant.

Housing For All - Working Communities Challenge

- Submitted a draft transition plan to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for additional activities beyond the March 2025 when the implementation grant period ends.
- Prepared site visit reports and followed up with the seven property owners that received site visits, with four property owners eligible and interested in moving forward to next steps in the ADU program. Next steps include submitting a project intake form to receive mini-grant funds for project related expenses that further the development of the ADU and receiving project navigation support. One new application has been accepted and a site visit will be scheduled.

Building/Office

- Hired an electrician to install the automatic control switch for the snow/ice melting mat on the access ramp, replace a bathroom exhaust fan, and install a front porch light/timer switch.

Project Review Committee: Monthly Business Report

Month: November 2024

Project Reviews

1) Project Type: **Act 250-** Emerald Visions LLC

Project Location: 969 U.S. Route 2, Alburgh, VT

Substantial Regional Impact: **Yes** **No** (*If yes, Board action required*)

- *Project Details*: “As-built” construction of a ±2,400 square foot addition to a previously approved ±4,000 square foot commercial building within a 5-lot commercial park. The building addition is to be used for cannabis cultivation and retail sales.
 - *Project Comments*: The Committee found that the project is in conformance with the Regional Plan and not of substantial regional impact.
 - *Conformance with Regional Plan*: **Yes** **No**
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Staff Reviews: None

Board Action Necessary: None.

BOARD RESOLUTION
Granting Commission Approval to the Isle La Motte, Vermont Municipal Plan

- Whereas,** the Isle La Motte Selectboard, on November 6, 2024, adopted the "Isle La Motte, Vermont Municipal Plan" in accordance with 24 VSA, Chapter 117; and
- Whereas,** the Isle La Motte Selectboard, on November 7, 2024, submitted this plan to the Regional Commission for regional approval under Section 4350 of 24 VSA Chapter 117; and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission has reviewed this plan in accordance all statutory requirements currently in effect, and the Regional Commission's "Municipal Plan Review Tool" adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2016; and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission's review panel, on behalf of the Regional Commission, held a warned public hearing on November 20, 2024 to receive public comment on regional plan approval and no negative comments were received; and
- Whereas,** the Board of Commissioners received the recommendations of staff and the Commission's Plan Review Committee in support of plan approval; now be it
- Resolved,** that the Board of Commissioners finds that:
- 1) the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan is consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of 24 VSA Chapter 117;
 - 2) the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan is compatible with the regional plan which was adopted July 26, 2023 and amended September 24, 2024;
 - 3) the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan is compatible with other regionally approved municipal plans in the region;
 - 4) the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan contains all the elements included in subdivisions 4382(a)(1)-(12), as required under 24 VSA Chapter 117; and further be it
- Resolved,** that, based upon these findings, and by a vote of the majority of Commissioners representing municipalities within the region taken on December 11, 2024 in accordance with Commission bylaws, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission hereby grants approval to the "Isle La Motte, Vermont Municipal Plan" as submitted and reviewed.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

BOARD RESOLUTION

Granting Commission Approval to the Sheldon, Vermont Municipal Plan

- Whereas,** the Sheldon Selectboard, on September 30, 2024, adopted the "Sheldon, Vermont Municipal Plan" in accordance with 24 VSA, Chapter 117; and
- Whereas,** the Sheldon Selectboard, on October 1, 2024, submitted this plan to the Regional Commission for regional approval under Section 4350 of 24 VSA Chapter 117; and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission has reviewed this plan in accordance all statutory requirements currently in effect, and the Regional Commission's "Municipal Plan Review Tool" adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2016; and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission's review panel, on behalf of the Regional Commission, held a warned public hearing on November 20, 2024 to receive public comment on regional plan approval and no negative comments were received; and
- Whereas,** the Board of Commissioners received the recommendations of staff and the Commission's Plan Review Committee in support of plan approval; now be it
- Resolved,** that the Board of Commissioners finds that:
- 1) the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan is consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of 24 VSA Chapter 117;
 - 2) the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan is compatible with the regional plan which was adopted July 26, 2023 and amended September 24, 2024;
 - 3) the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan is compatible with other regionally approved municipal plans in the region;
 - 4) the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan contains all the elements included in subdivisions 4382(a)(1)-(12), as required under 24 VSA Chapter 117; and further be it
- Resolved,** that, based upon these findings, and by a vote of the majority of Commissioners representing municipalities within the region taken on December 11, 2024 in accordance with Commission bylaws, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission hereby grants approval to the "Sheldon, Vermont Municipal Plan" as submitted and reviewed.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

BOARD RESOLUTION
Granting Commission Confirmation of the Isle La Motte Planning Program

- Whereas,** the **Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan** has been approved by the Regional Board of Commissioners to comply with the Regional Plan and the goals outlined in Title 24 VSA Chapter 117 and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission has reviewed the Planning Program to be in accordance with all statutory requirements currently in effect, and
- Whereas,** the Board of Commissioners received the recommendations of staff and the Commission's review committee in confirming the Planning Program; now be it
- Resolved,** that the Board of Commissioners finds that the Isle La Motte Planning Program is consistent with requirements established in Title 24 VSA Chapter 117, Section 4350
- Resolved,** that, based upon these findings, and by a vote of the majority of Commissioners representing municipalities within the region taken on December 11, 2024 in accordance with Commission bylaws, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission hereby confirms the Isle La Motte Planning Program as presented and reviewed.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

BOARD RESOLUTION
Granting Commission Confirmation of the Sheldon Planning Program

- Whereas,** the **Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan** has been approved by the Regional Board of Commissioners to comply with the Regional Plan and the goals outlined in Title 24 VSA Chapter 117 and
- Whereas,** the Regional Commission has reviewed the Planning Program to be in accordance with all statutory requirements currently in effect, and
- Whereas,** the Board of Commissioners received the recommendations of staff and the Commission's review committee in confirming the Planning Program; now be it
- Resolved,** that the Board of Commissioners finds that the Sheldon Planning Program is consistent with requirements established in Title 24 VSA Chapter 117, Section 4350
- Resolved,** that, based upon these findings, and by a vote of the majority of Commissioners representing municipalities within the region taken on December 11, 2024 in accordance with Commission bylaws, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission hereby confirms the Sheldon Planning Program as presented and reviewed.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of Highgate.

Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Town of Highgate Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Town of Highgate Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Town of Highgate Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the NRPC Board of Commissioners.

II. Procedural History

1. On July 20th, 2023, the Town of Highgate Selectboard duly adopted the Highgate, Vermont Municipal Plan that incorporates an enhanced energy plan.
2. On August 2nd, 2023, the Town of Highgate submitted the Highgate, Vermont Municipal Plan to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
3. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was posted on NRPC’s website.
4. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was transmitted directly to the Town of Highgate.

5. On October 31, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the Islander. On November 5, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the St. Albans Messenger.
6. On November 20, 2024, NRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a hybrid public hearing with a physical location at the NRPC office. After the public hearing, the Plan Review Committee recommended that the Town of Highgate Municipal Plan receive a determination of energy planning compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
7. On December 11, 2024, NRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Town of Highgate Municipal Plan.

III. Public Comments

No public comment was provided pertaining to the requirements for a determination of energy compliance.

IV. Conclusions

1. The Town of Highgate Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
2. The Town of Highgate Municipal Plan is consistent with following State goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy

and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and

- E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Town of Highgate Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of Isle La Motte.

Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the NRPC Board of Commissioners.

II. Procedural History

1. On November 6, 2024, the Town of Isle La Motte Selectboard duly adopted the Isle La Motte, Vermont Municipal Plan that incorporates an enhanced energy plan.
2. On November 7, 2024, the Town of Isle La Motte submitted the Isle La Motte, Vermont Municipal Plan to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
3. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was posted on NRPC’s website.
4. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was transmitted directly to the Town of Isle La Motte.

5. On October 31, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the Islander. On November 5, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the St. Albans Messenger
6. On November 20, 2024, NRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a hybrid public hearing with a physical location at the NRPC office. After the public hearing, the Plan Review Committee recommended that the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan receive a determination of energy planning compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
7. On December 11, 2024, NRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan.

III. Public Comments

No members of the public attended the public hearing on November 20, 2024. The public hearing was held by the NRPC Municipal Plan Review Committee. No public comment was provided pertaining to the requirements for a determination of energy compliance.

IV. Conclusions

1. The Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
2. The Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan is consistent with following State goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the

State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and

- E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Town of Isle La Motte Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of Montgomery.

Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the NRPC Board of Commissioners.

II. Procedural History

1. On March 18th, 2024, the Town of Montgomery Selectboard duly adopted the Montgomery, Vermont Municipal Plan that incorporates an enhanced energy plan.
2. On March 18th, 2024, the Town of Montgomery submitted the Montgomery, Vermont Municipal Plan to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
3. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was posted on NRPC’s website.
4. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was transmitted directly to the Town of Montgomery.

5. On October 31, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the Islander. On November 5, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the St. Albans Messenger.

6. On November 20, 2024, NRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a hybrid public hearing with a physical location at the NRPC office. After the public hearing, the Plan Review Committee recommended that the Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan receive a determination of energy planning compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.

7. On December 11, 2024, NRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan.

III. Public Comments

No public comment was provided pertaining to the requirements for a determination of energy compliance.

IV. Conclusions

1. The Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.

2. The Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan is consistent with following State goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy

and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and

- E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Town of Montgomery Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of Sheldon.

Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the NRPC Board of Commissioners.

II. Procedural History

1. On September 30, 2024, the Town of Sheldon Selectboard duly adopted the Sheldon, Vermont Municipal Plan that incorporates an enhanced energy plan.
2. On October 1, 2024, the Town of Sheldon submitted the Sheldon, Vermont Municipal Plan to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
3. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was posted on NRPC’s website.
4. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was transmitted directly to the Town of Sheldon.

5. On October 31, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the Islander. On November 5, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the St. Albans Messenger
6. On November 20, 2024, NRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a hybrid public hearing with a physical location at the NRPC office. After the public hearing, the Plan Review Committee recommended that the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan receive a determination of energy planning compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
7. On December 11, 2024, NRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan.

III. Public Comments

No members of the public attended the public hearing on November 20, 2024. The public hearing was held by the NRPC Municipal Plan Review Committee. No public comment was provided pertaining to the requirements for a determination of energy compliance.

IV. Conclusions

1. The Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
2. The Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan is consistent with following State goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the

State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and

- E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Town of Sheldon Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

24 V.S.A. §4352 Determination for the Municipality of South Hero.

Determination of Energy Planning Compliance Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 For Town of South Hero Municipal Plan

I. Introduction

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) Board of Commissioners have issued the attached certificate memorializing the affirmative determination pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 that the Town of South Hero Municipal Plan complies with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352 for enhanced energy planning. This determination is made solely as to whether the Town of South Hero Municipal Plan complies with the statutory planning requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4352. The following is a summary of procedural history of the plan, public comments received during the hearing on determination of energy compliance, and conclusions of the NRPC Board of Commissioners.

II. Procedural History

1. On August 2, 2023, the Town of South Hero voters duly adopted the South Hero, Vermont Municipal Plan that incorporates an enhanced energy plan.
2. On August 4th, 2023, the Town of South Hero submitted the South Hero, Vermont Municipal Plan to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (“NRPC”) for a determination of compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
3. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was posted on NRPC’s website.
4. On November 1, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was transmitted directly to the Town of South Hero.

5. On October 31, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the Islander. On November 5, 2024, notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2024 was published in the St. Albans Messenger.
6. On November 20, 2024, NRPC's Municipal Plan Review Committee convened a hybrid public hearing with a physical location at the NRPC office. After the public hearing, the Plan Review Committee recommended that the Town of South Hero Municipal Plan receive a determination of energy planning compliance with the enhanced energy planning standards set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352.
7. On December 11, 2024, NRPC's Board of Commissioners reviewed the recommendation of the Municipal Plan Review Committee and voted to issue a determination of energy planning compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352 for the Town of South Hero Municipal Plan.

III. Public Comments

No public comment was provided pertaining to the requirements for a determination of energy compliance.

IV. Conclusions

1. The Town of South Hero Municipal Plan includes an energy element that has the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3) for a regional plan and is confirmed under the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4350.
2. The Town of South Hero Municipal Plan is consistent with following State goals:
 - A. Vermont's greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A. § 578(a);
 - B. Vermont's 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A. § 580;
 - C. Vermont's building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;
 - D. State energy policy under 30 V.S.A. § 202a and the recommendations for regional and municipal energy planning pertaining to the efficient use of energy and the siting and development of renewable energy resources contained in the

State energy plans adopted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b (State energy plans); and

- E. The distributed renewable generation and energy transformation categories of resources to meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Standard under 30 V.S.A. §§ 8004 and 8005.
3. The Town of South Hero Municipal Plan meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans as developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Northwest Regional Planning Commission