



## Regional Plan Draft Review Committee March 24, 2015 from 4-6pm, CVRPC Office Utilities & Facilities

### ATTENDEES:

- Dara Torre, *Town of Moretown*
- Laura Hill-Eubanks, *Town of Northfield*
- Ed Larson, *Barre Granite Association*
- Scott Bascom, *VTrans*
- Dave Rubin, *Capstone Community Action*
- Emily Nosse-Leirer, *CVRPC Staff*
- Gail Aloisio, *CVRPC Staff*
- Kim McKee, *CVRPC Staff*

### SUMMARY:

**Utilities & Facilities Profile:** The Committee continued review the draft Utilities & Facilities profile starting off with Solid Waste. Comments included:

- Solid Waste Districts: Northfield is leaving MMRMA and it's unclear who Northfield will contract with next year.
- Hazardous Waste Collection: Businesses are starting to take fluorescent lightbulbs back.
- Voice Communications: Northfield Telephone Company has been taken over by TDS Telecom.
- Fiber Optic: Fiber optic lines are needing to be replaced; under capacity for growing demand.
- There was discussion regarding supporting expansion of broadband and wireless services and the population invited by the wide availability of these services – does it conflict with the working landscape and “right to farm” when former urban dwellers move to the country. Another comment spoke to the need for community dialogue to address these issues and the important role wireless communication plays in facilitating this dialogue.

### Utilities & Facilities Goals, Policies & Strategies:

- Electric Power policies: Add a policy regarding the need for plans & designs for utility lines to be reviewed for reliability, safety and economic, social and aesthetic impacts. Climate projections should also be incorporated.
- Delete “particularly in rural areas” from Policy 8; check that it matches or refer back to applicable policy developed in Environment and Natural Resources element
- Change “possible” to “practicable” in Policy 10
- Water System Policies: Add strategy regarding new TPI task to assist with Capital Budgeting in Policy 2
- Change Strategy 3a to reference incentives and regulations
- Delete “only” and add “primarily” to Policy 6

- Broadband Policies: delete 2a.
- Solid Waste Policies: Incorporate education re: actual costs of managing solid waste to Policy 3.
- Add a strategy regarding expanded service hours for convenience to Policy 6.

**Wrap-up and Next Steps:** *Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, which will focus solely on Land Use.*

*Send any initial comments to Kim via email/phone in advance so we can efficiently plan for the key discussion points on April 7.*