

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENERGY WORKING GROUP  
JANUARY 28, 2016  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the working group that was formed to discuss the energy element of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Regional Plan was held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

**Working Group Members Present:**

Brian Fitzgerald –Town of Duxbury  
Harrison Snapp – Town of Waitsfield  
Julie Potter – Town of East Montpelier  
Paul Zabriskie –Capstone Weatherization Program  
Brad Cooke – Energy efficiency contractor

**Others Present:**

Marianne Wolz – CVRPC A-Vista Volunteer  
Eric Vorwald, AICP – CVRPC Senior Planner

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

At 4:00pm Mr. Vorwald welcomed everyone that was in attendance and asked for a round of introductions. All present provided an introduction to the group.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Vorwald asked for any changes to the agenda and there were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public were in attendance.

**DISCUSSION OF ENERGY TOPICS**

The main item on the agenda was a discussion of energy topics so the working group could provide input to staff regarding the draft energy element for the Regional Plan. Staff presented the working group with a list of questions to help guide the discussion. These questions included:

1. Are there emerging issues that will impact energy policy in Central Vermont over the next 20 to 30 years?
2. How closely should the Central Vermont energy element goals, policies, and strategies match the state's new comprehensive energy plan?
3. Should there be detailed guidance for siting issues or should it remain general (or be left to the municipalities)?
4. What energy issues related to transportation need to be explored in more detail?

5. How much discussion (if any) should there be regarding energy efficiency in buildings and/or new construction & rehab?
6. How in-depth of a land use discussion should be included in the energy element?
7. What data is necessary to include in order to support our goals?

Specific items that were discussed included:

The working group spent time discussing each of the questions and providing input to staff regarding the information that should be included in the energy element. This included topics such as renewables, siting issues, weatherization concerns, retrofits for historic structures, relation to land use, transportation issues, and similar topics.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The working group discussed the need to have a follow-up meeting. It was determined that a second meeting would be beneficial to the working group so they could review the direction that staff was going with recommendations and goals related to energy. A specific date and time was not established but Mr. Vorwald noted that he would contact those present to determine a date and time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This concluded the discussion of the working group and the meeting was ended at 6:10pm.