



Catherine Dimitruk, NRPC  
**Chair**  
David Snedeker, NVDA  
**Vice-Chair**  
Charlie Baker, CCRPC

**VAPDA DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2024**

**MEETING DETAILS**

**RPC Attendees:** Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC), Mike Winslow (ACRPC), Tasha Wallis (LCPC), Charlie Baker (CCRPC), Chris Company (WRC), Bill Colvin (BCRC), Jason Rasmussen (MARC), Devon Neary (RRPC), Christian Meyer (CVRPC), and Dave Snedeker (NVDA).

**Other:**

**Type/Location:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Welcome**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dimitruk at 9:30AM. No changes to the agenda.

**VAPDA Business Items**

Motion by Wallis to approve the minutes of the July 2024 meeting. Second by Baker. Approved by voice vote. No treasurers report for this meeting. VAPDA also discussed Retreat planning. Neary and Dimitruk to set agenda ahead of the September Retreat. The working draft of the agenda includes:

1. Internal Management & VAPDA Management
2. Projects Roundtable
3. Legislative & Committee Priorities
4. NADO Assessment
5. Advancing Women in Leadership
6. Act 181
7. Town Planning Process & ACCD

**Act 181 Implementation**

Baker provided an update on the mapping criteria for Act 181. The group identified the need to determine what criteria RPCs are using and how are RPCs applying the criteria? Some issues that need further clarification/discussion include: infill/transition areas, conservation (significant as mapped by RPCs and critical as mapped by LURB/VNRC), designation area boundaries, and how to deal with planned growth areas and flood risk.

Other factors that require additional discussion are issues around consistency and local input especially if town plans and zoning maps conflict with regional FLU maps. Will RPCs review bylaws for substance/effectiveness or just that they are adopted? This may just be necessary for Tier 1A towns. Other considerations include: how to accommodate regional housing targets (draft numbers in late August), how Tier 3 ratio will impact small towns, how Tier 3 will be overlaid with rural conservation, and village centers as Tier 1B. Overall, there was a consensus to determine process standard, mapping standard, and planning standard for all areas.

For next steps, Baker will send out a draft of the methodology with comments back by labor day week (September 6<sup>th</sup>). Baker will compile comments for the Retreat. Most regions indicated they plan to adopt between 2025 and 2026 and

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several stated concerns around the new review/approval periods during adoption, staffing capacity, and town capacity (for PC/SB meeting and workshops).

### **Committee Reports**

Government Relations – Will set a time to meet in August/September. Company to give an update on the Regional Governance Study. Should RPCs better coordinate/align with VLCT ahead of and during the session?

Transportation – Design Standards group meeting in mid-August. VTrans/VEM not receptive to taking a lead on local road closures/alerts.

Natural Resources – ACCD and VTrans met with DEC business office to share information on RPCs. There will be a River Corridors infill meeting and more to come on Staying Connected Initiative.

Community Development – FY24 closeout on 7/31 and FY25 start up ASAP. Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) technical assistance grants available. Reminder to RPCs to update the Act 181/municipal data by August 31. RPCs to lead the Fall RPC Meet Up with a concentration on housing/land use.

Emergency Management – Wastewater statewide mapping project with UVM to be completed soon. Company is planning to convene committee meeting with VEM staff. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program review committee to meet. Company expressed need for statewide long-term policy for recover. VAPDA to issue a letter to appropriations about EMPG funding decrease for RPCs.

### **Next Meeting**

VAPDA Retreat – September 12/13 @ The Wildflower Inn, Lyndonville, Vermont.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Devon Neary*