

VAPDA Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2023
Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC), Mike Winslow (ACRPC), Tasha Wallis (LCPC), Charlie Baker (CCRPC), Chris Company (WRC), Bill Colvin (BCRC), Jason Rasmussen (MARC), Mary Kay Skaza (RRPC), Clare Rock (CVRPC), Peter Gregory (TRORC), Dave Snedeker (NVDA), Seth Jensen (LCPC), Sarah Muskin (CCRPC), and Darren Schibler (CCRPC).

CD opened the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m. JR volunteered to take the minutes.

- Approval of July 2023 Minutes & Treasurer's Report: CB motioned to approve the July Minutes and receive the Treasurer's Report, second by JR. Motion approved unanimously.
- CB reminded everyone that dues are now \$6K. Invoices should go out soon.
- September retreat: Hold Sept 14-15th for the retreat. Devon was going to look into a location. MKS will check in with him after he gets back on Aug. 7th.
- Intended Use Plan: Seth summarized the draft VAPDA letter.
 - CC motioned to approve the letter as presented, second by TW. Motion approved unanimously.
 - CC suggested that VAPDA prepare proactive wastewater policy suggestions to submit to DEC, regarding sewer extensions and other considerations. CD suggested the Natural Resource Committee consider that this fall.
- Future Land Use discussion was led by CB and changes were made to the narrative. Anticipate discussions with each RPC board in September and October.
- Act 250 Delegation Study discussion was led by CB. Charlie is talking to larger towns about administering Act 250 locally. It may make sense to reach out to Local Act 250 Review towns as well. Anticipate a public meeting in each region between Oct-Dec 2023.
- VAPDA Committee Reports:
 - Emergency Management: CC reported on getting paid for disaster response and recovery activities under the MOA. See CC's email regarding that from 8/2. TW reported on the Housing Task Force; the state is looking into FEMA housing assistance for those displaced.
 - Community Affairs: DS sent his report via email. He also added that RDCs received 211 reports of business damages. He will ask them to send the report to RPCs.
 - Natural Resources: nothing to report.
 - Transportation: JR suggested that RPCs send Ashley Andrews at VTrans a list of towns that are requesting GIA extensions. They have added our towns to their list, but we do not have anything definitive yet. For those that want a TPI extension due to flooding, get your numbers to Matthew Arancio ASAP.
 - Energy/Climate: CD indicated an email is going out soon regarding a Phase I effort. Each RPC will get \$10K which is intended to make towns eligible for subsequent implementation funding from EPA.
 - Legislative: CB reported on current efforts:

- Designation Study: <https://www.vtdesignation2050.org/>
- NRB study: <https://nrb.vermont.gov/legislative-study-necessary-updates-act-250-program>
- FYI - Thanks to Karen at RRPC for setting up a webpage for us to post our S.100 work: <https://www.vapda.org/home-act-s100.html>
- CD reminded Committees to come up with legislative and other priorities for the year to discuss during the retreat.

There is no meeting on Sept. 7th. The retreat is being planned for Sept. 14-15; location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.