

**VAPDA  
Minutes  
January 7, 2021**

Attendees – Tasha Wallis, Dave Snedeker, Catherine Dimitruk, Bonnie Waninger, Charlie Baker, Peter Gregory, Adam Lougee, Ed Bove, Tom Kennedy, Jim Sullivan, and Chris Campany.

Minutes and financial report – Baker moved approval; Kennedy seconded. All in favor.

VCRD - \$250 for working lands sponsorship. Tom moved approval; Catherine seconded. All in favor.

Justice and Equity statement – Tasha shared a few examples. Tom suggested that each RPC conduct a training in this area as part of our ACCD trainings. Suggestion to follow what CCRPC is doing. Charlie will ask Sue McCormack to speak with VAPDA to get guidance for an organization of organizations and what we do locally. Adam has a suggested statement Tom will circulate for editing. Discussion ensued. We'll edit Adam's statement as a start and discuss at our next meeting.

Bylaw edits – Peter will circulate the draft for official review by VAPDA. Catherine suggested changing from President and Vice-President to Chair and Vice-Chair. Discussion ensued about open meeting and transparency provisions.

County equivalent reporting by Census bureau – Connecticut is working with the Census bureau to have the COGs become the primary data collection geography. RPOs were converted to COGs in 2015. Charlie will have conversations with CT directors. Discussion ensued about pursuing how to get county equivalency in the eyes of the state and federal government first. Charlie will discuss with CT and report back in the next meeting.

ACCD – Mid-year reports due at the end of the month. Adam to check back with DHCD on the next training program following up on zoning for great neighborhoods.

Natural Resources – CWSP draft rule is out for public comment. Charlie will circulate a draft comment letter for feedback. This will be an action item for February.

Emergency Management – FEMA is updating the rules proposing to raise the federal disaster limit. Tasha will find out if the State has a position on this. There was discussion about the EMPG reporting requirements. It would be helpful to get to a common scope as we do with other agencies. Public Safety Planning Act – We need to report by next December.

Transportation – VPSP2 is coming up later in the meeting with VTrans.

Energy – Final progress reports on the Efficiency Vermont program are due to Jim as soon as possible. Jim is compiling all of responses on our regional energy plan survey for the CEP.

Climate – Chris gave an update on the Climate Council.

Government Affairs – Tom gave an update. Legislature is focused on COVID response and recovery. Broadband will be a priority and an opportunity for RPCs to assist. Tom will ask Matt Dunne and Rob Fish to join us for a future meeting.

VTrans/VPSP2 – Kevin Marshia, Joe Segale Katharine Otto, and Amy Bell joined from VTrans. Rita Seto and Christine Forde joined from the VPSP2 technical committee. Kevin reviewed the proposed VPSP2 process. The PowerPoint will be forwarded.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Charlie Baker*