

**Mad River Valley Planning District
Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda
October 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.
General Wait House, 4061 Main St, Waitsfield, VT**

I. Adjustments to the Agenda

II. Public Comment

III. Accept Minutes of 9/21/17 Steering Committee Meeting

IV. Staff Report

V. Old Business

- a. MRVPD FY19 Budget & Workplan
- b. 2017 MRV Town Leadership Mtg

VI. New Business

- a. MRVPD Retreat

VII. Events/Workshops

- a. [**VCDP Grants Management Compliance Workshop | 10/18 | Montpelier**](#): The VT Community Development Program's Compliance Workshop is designed to assist grantees with complying with the VCDPs grant requirements such as environmental review, contracts and procurement, requisitioning funds, financial monitoring and audits.
- b. [**Heart & Soul Talks: Create Comp Plans that Rock with Resident Input | 10/19 | Webinar**](#): For National Community Planning month, the Orton Family Foundation *Heart & Soul Talk* focuses on creating successful comprehensive plans that residents feel a sense of ownership about and have a stake in the outcomes. On this call, you'll hear from three planners who got residents involved through the Community Heart & Soul model. Learn how community engagement leads to meaningful comprehensive plans that align vision and actions based on what matters most to residents.
- c. [**Localize It! What Resilience Looks Like | 10/21-22 | S. Royalton**](#): Two-day solutions focused convergence for leaders and collaborators engaged in accelerating a localizing movement in our region; Systemic renewal in an age of climate crisis, economic injustice, and frayed democratic systems. Sponsors: Local Futures, Vermonters for a New Economy, Sustainable Future Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, New Economy Law Center at Vermont Law School, BALE (Building A Local Economy), and New England Resilience & Transition Network.
- d. [**Innovation Spaces Conference | 10/26 | Castleton**](#): The VT Agency of Commerce & Community Development is presenting the first in a series of events designed to support economic development statewide. The Innovation Spaces Conference is the first of its kind in Vermont, and will appeal to owners, users, and supporters of co-working spaces, maker spaces, incubators, and accelerators. Sessions will focus on funding, operating models, member management tools, value-added programming,

and more.

- e. **VCDA Fall Conference: Changing Face of Retail in Vermont's Downtowns | 11/2 | Vergennes:** The Vermont Community Development Association & the Vermont Retail & Grocers Association are hosting this event focused on the evolving retail landscape with our downtowns, shopping habits, and regulatory climate. Hear from a panel of downtown retail establishments and organizations on their perspective and experience navigating changes, challenges, and opportunity in the retail landscape, success stories, and engage in deep dive discussion to capture key challenges, opportunities, and action/strategy for the work ahead to boost, support, diversify, and grow downtown retail throughout the state.
- f. **[Implementing Complete Streets in Small Towns and Rural Communities in Vermont | 11/6 | Webinar](#):** This AARP webinar will feature opportunities and solutions that can be applied within a Vermont context that will improve safety and mobility for all users. Join the [National Complete Streets Coalition](#), [VT Agency of Transportation](#) and the [VT League of Cities and Towns](#) to explore important questions facing small towns in rural Vermont and the opportunities that are available to leverage Complete Streets to catalyze economic development in small, rural towns.

VIII. Next Meeting – MRV Town Leadership Mtg, November 16, 2017