

**Mad River Valley Planning District
Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda
March 17, 2016
7:00 P.M.
General Wait House Conference Room**

I. Accept Minutes of 2/18/16 Steering Committee Meeting

II. New Business

- a. Mad River Path Association update
- b. Town Meeting report-out
- c. Annual Election of Officers
- d. Laurie Emery Appreciation

III. Director's Report

IV. Old Business

- a. Economic Development Committee update
- b. MRVPD Staffing

V. Events/Trainings/Info

- a. **Spring Flood Seminars for Public Officials** - DEMHS will be hosting a series of Springtime Flooding Seminars across Vermont during the week of March 14th. All seminars will begin at 10:00 a.m. and there are five locations throughout the state.
- b. **Bike/Ped Webinar: Understanding the Funding Process | 3/16 | Montpelier** – The next monthly VTrans webinar takes a fresh look at funding active transportation projects. Attendees will review the landscape of funding sources and explore options to federal funding; case studies highlight new initiatives and examples of collaborative project funding. Learn about recommendations for developing a winning project; speakers discuss the criteria for timing, data and implementation that attract funding.
- c. **Webinar: New 'Cottage' Industry: Housing, Lodging, & the Sharing Economy | 3/18**: The new Sharing Economy has enabled the availability of private short-term rental properties like never before. Web-based clearinghouses for short-term rentals, such as VRBO and AirBnB, have changed the economic and regulatory landscape of short-term rental markets. This session will explore the relationship of the short-term rental sector of the sharing economy to land use and tax regulation and social and economic factors in resort and destination communities. This free webinar is sponsored by NNECAPA's Small Town & Rural Planning Division:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4625085038440030209>.

- d. **Vermont League of Cities & Towns' Legislative Webinar Series | 3/21 & 5/9**
- e. **2016 Vermont Walk/Bike Summit | 4/1-2 | Rutland**
- f. **Housing Webinar: Assessing Affordable Housing Need: A Practical Toolkit | 4/1**: Maintaining a variety of affordable housing types is a critical component of long-range community viability. This session will equip planners and public leaders with strategies for determining the type and volume of housing that is most needed, by whom and where, within the context of shifting demographics. The presenters will review affordable housing needs assessments they conducted in Colorado Springs, CO, the State of Washington and Westmoreland County, PA, and explain the approaches that were most successful in translating measured housing needs into community goals with targeted, practical action steps.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5101081215153291521>.

VI. Next Meeting – April 21, 2016