

**Mad River Valley Planning District  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Agenda for Meeting of  
September 17, 2015  
8:00 P.M.  
General Wait House Meeting Room**

**I. Accept Minutes of 7/16/15 Steering Committee Meeting**

**II. Director's Report**

**III. New Business**

- a. Tri-Town Selectboard Meeting

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Sugarbush Gadd Brook, Valley House & solar project updates (Margo Wade)
- b. MRV Vision & Vitality update
- c. Watershed Wide Water Management Plan update

**V. Events/Trainings/Info**

- a. ***Open Meeting Law Workshop | 10/7 | Killington:*** Vermont's Open Meeting Law applies to all "public bodies," which include municipal boards, commissions, and committees. Each of those entities must publicly notice meetings, produce and post agendas, ensure that meetings are open to the public, properly manage public participation at those meetings, and take and post minutes. This VLCT session will describe the requirements of Vermont's Open Meeting Law and allow ample time for questions and answers about the practical application of the law and what techniques can be employed to allow you to get your work done while still complying with the law's rigorous requirements. [Click here](#) for more info. This workshop will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Killington Grand Hotel on Wednesday, October 7th (the day before Town Fair). The workshop fee is \$25.00 for VLCT/PACIF members.
- b. ***Town Fair 2015 | 10/8 | Killington:*** Town Fair is the annual conference of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This event encompasses member training, annual meetings (VLCT, PACIF and VERB), as well as an exhibitor trade show. Town Fair 2015 will take place on Thursday, October 8, at the Killington Grand Hotel in Killington, Vermont. <http://www.vlct.org/events-news-blogs/town-fair/>.
- c. ***VT Rivers and Roads Training Opportunity | 10/7-8 | Wilmington:*** Participants in the Tier II of the Rivers and Roads Training Program will gain the skills needed to develop riverside infrastructure maintenance and repair to increase the stability of rivers and the lifespan of infrastructure. This two-day workshop includes lecture and related fieldwork to help accomplish river infrastructure maintenance and development goals. Tier I training available online. More info at the [Vermont Local Roads](#) website.
- d. ***CVRPC Regional Plan Public Hearing | 10/13 | Berlin:*** The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will hold its final public hearing to review amendments proposed for the 2008 Central Vermont Regional Plan

([www.centralvtplanning.org](http://www.centralvtplanning.org)). CVRPC is proposing amendments to the Land Use Elements and revised Future Land Use map. Comments on the Plan can be sent by e-mail to [aloisio@cvregion.com](mailto:aloisio@cvregion.com). The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce's conference room, Paine Turnpike South, Berlin, exit 7 off of I-89.

- e. ***New Community Resources Site:*** EPA has launched a new Community Resources website to help local officials and community members find information for improving the environment, public health and quality of life. The EPA Community Health site can help users learn about and improve local environmental health conditions. Access to the Community Resources site is available via EPA's homepage or via this link: <http://www.epa.gov/communities>. For more info: <http://1.usa.gov/1OH7Ztq>
- f. ***New EPA Tool: Smart Growth Self-Assessment for Rural Communities.*** This self-assessment tool enables rural communities to evaluate their existing policies, programs, and regulations to identify effective strategies for meeting local economic, social, and environmental goals.
- g. ***New VTtrans Public Crash Data Query Tool:*** VTtrans recently completed the building of a new online interactive map of highway crashes. The goal of this project was to build a user-friendly, interactive online tool that could be used by local officials, highway safety advocates, and the general public to access non-personal Vermont motor vehicle crash data. **[Learn More]** <http://vttrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/VTtrans-2015-FactBook.pdf>
- h. ***Updated Energy Report: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Report (July, 2015)***
- i. ***Other items of interest:***
  - i. [Vermont Housing Needs Assessment \(ACCD, 2015\)](#)
  - ii. [Lake Champlain Basin Program State of the Lake report \(2015\)](#)
  - iii. [Vermont Downtown Action Team \(V-DAT\) Design Toolkit](#)
  - iv. [Imagining Livability Design Collection \(AARP/WALC\)](#)
  - v. [HUD's Innovation Series Briefs \(Resilience\)](#)
  - vi. [Vermont Integrated Watershed Information System \(ANR, beta ver.\)](#)
  - vii. [VCRD Climate Economy Report \(2015\)](#)
  - viii. [VTtrans Fact Book & Annual Report \(2015\)](#)
  - ix. [Youth Engagement Strategies for Municipal Leaders](#)
  - x. [Green Infrastructure Report - Lessons from Science & Practice \(Syracuse University\)](#)
  - xi. [VTtransparency 3.0 - Community input portal for roads, etc. \(VTtrans\)](#)
  - xii. [APA's Hazards Planning Center](#)

## VI. Next Meeting – October 15, 2015