

**Mad River Valley Planning District  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Agenda  
September 21, 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 7/20/17 Steering Committee Meeting**

**IV. Staff Report**

**V. New Business**

- a. MRV Logo
- b. MRVPD FY18 Workplan & Budget Update
- c. 2017 MRV Town Leadership Mtg

**VI. Old Business**

- a. MRVPD Administration Update

**VII. Events/Workshops**

- a. **NFIP Training | 9/20 | Montpelier:** CVRPC is hosting a session focused on effectively administering flood hazard regulations and maintaining compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The session is directed toward administrative floodplain officers, zoning administrators, DRB members, and town clerks.
- b. **[Conservation Into the Future Summit | 9/23 | Starksboro:](#)** The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions' annual summit consists of a day-long educational and networking event for community volunteers engaged in planning and caring for natural resources. This year's theme is 'Conservation into the Future' and the all-day conference will feature presentations, trainings, and networking essential to Vermont's conservation community.
- c. **[Rethinking Montpelier and Beyond: Bringing a Smart Growth Vision to VT's Capital District | 9/27 | Burlington:](#)** The winners of the Net Zero Vermont's Montpelier 2030 Design Competition are presenting their vision for transforming VT's Capital District into a sustainable model for smart growth. The design would reduce reliance on private cars and parking spaces, while expanding access to rivers, new parks, and a bike/pedestrian path along the river with public art strung along its entire length. The discussion, hosted by the Gund Institute for Environment at UVM and Net Zero Vermont, will explore sustainable urban planning, design, energy and public engagement to advance Montpelier's efforts to go "Net Zero" by 2030, and to forge closer ties between regional stakeholders. The event is free and open to the public.
- d. **[Bridge Divides with Discourse that's Civil | 9/28 | Webinar:](#)** The Orton Family Foundation's latest free Heart & Soul Talk explores insights, practical ideas and tools for advancing civil discourse from nationally-recognized expert in the field, Carolyn J.

Lukensmeyer, Ph. D. and Mayor Thom Harnett of Gardiner, Maine, who has led his way in welcoming new residents and embracing the value they bring to the small town, sometimes in the face of protest.

- e. **Dam Safety Seminar | 9/28 | Waterbury:** CVRPC is hosting an opportunity for municipalities to learn more about dam safety and emergency preparedness. Learn effective ways municipalities can communicate and collaborate with dam owners.
- f. **[Climate of Change - A Mad River Valley Community Forum | 10/11 | Waitsfield:](#)** The [Ridge to River Taskforce](#) is hosting this event to share what its learned over the past two years about the MRV community's vulnerabilities and how we can build a stronger, smarter, safer Mad River Valley in the face of climate change. Keynote by Roger Hill "Weathering Climate & Extreme Weather", resources, information, and neighbor-to-neighbor discussions to help you protect your property and adapt to climate change in the Mad River Valley. And free flatbread & cash bar. This is a follow-up to the "Embracing a Mad River" Community Resilience Forum on Dec 7, 2016.
- g. **[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.
- h. **[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.

## VIII. Next Meeting – October 19, 2017