

**Mad River Valley Planning District
Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda for Meeting of
July 16, 2015
7:00 P.M.
General Wait House Meeting Room**

I. Accept Minutes of 6/18/15 Steering Committee Meeting

II. Director's Report

III. New Business

- a. Watershed Wide Water Mgmt Plan – High Meadows Fund update
- b. Waitsfield Bridge Street Update (Kari Dolan)

IV. Old Business

- a. MRV Economic Vitality Series Update

V. Events/Trainings/Info

- a. *First Responder Training*: DEMHS requires that all first responders are required to be trained in ICS 100 and ICS 200 by October 2015. CVRPC will continue to promote and encourage training in our Region. Contact Laura Ranker at CVRPC to schedule trainings in your community. To view the DEMHS Training & Exercise calendar for the latest trainings being offered across the State, go to <http://vem.vermont.gov/event>.
- b. *Vermont Rivers and Roads Training Opportunity*: Tier II of the Rivers and Roads Training Program targets a wide range of state, municipal and private sector transportation professionals. Participants leave the training with the knowledge and skills required to distinguish between stable and unstable rivers, identify various types of river instability, forecast a rivers response to alternative structural treatments and build those treatments. Tier I training available online. For upcoming training opportunities available in Fall 2015 (9/2-3, 10/7-8), visit [Vermont Local Roads](http://www.vermontlocalroads.org) website.
- c. *2015 Historic Preservation & Community Development Retreat July 20-21, 2015*: Historic preservation plays an important role in community development, particularly when so much of Vermont's preservation work acts to strengthen downtowns and village centers. This retreat is for any nonprofit, for profit, community supported enterprise, or public facility taking on or exploring a building rehabilitation project or a project that strengthens their community. Preservation Trust Vermont, [Vermont Community Development Program](http://www.ptvermont.org/preservation_retreats/retreat_program.php) and the [Vermont Division for Historic Preservation Info: http://www.ptvermont.org/preservation_retreats/retreat_program.php](http://www.ptvermont.org/preservation_retreats/retreat_program.php)
- d. *Better Plans for Better Places*: The Better Plans for Better Places report, an interactive website with videos, community spotlights and more, summarizes the work of the Sustainable Communities program over the last five years. Fifteen places from across the nation are highlighted in the report. <http://betterplansbetterplaces.iscvt.org>
- 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 site leverages information from three existing community-oriented resources: The Local Government Environmental Assistance Network, managed in partnership with the International City / County Management Association, provides information on environmental compliance and stewardship. The National Resource Network, established by HUD as part of the Obama Administration's Strong Cities, Strong Communities Initiative, offers practical solutions to help communities pursue economic development and growth. 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

information: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceeac8525735900400c27/0838ee69e53f115e85257e42005396af!OpenDocument>

- f. How can small towns and cities adapt to changing conditions that affect the industries, technologies, and land use patterns that help form the foundation of their local economies? **EPA's new report provides case studies of seven communities** that have successfully reinvigorated their struggling economies by emphasizing existing assets and distinctive resources. The report, [How Small Towns and Cities Can Use Local Assets to Rebuild Their Economies: Lessons from Successful Places](#), draws on these case studies to offer strategies other communities can use. Through the Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program, EPA worked directly with Kelso, Washington, to explore how these types of strategies could address the city's economic challenges brought about by the decline of the logging and smelt fishing industries. The resulting report, [Using Smart Growth Strategies to Foster Economic Development: A Kelso, Washington, Case Study](#), provides a tool for communities looking to create their own smart growth economic development strategy that emphasizes existing assets, and it illustrates the use of that tool in Kelso. Learn more about smart growth at www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- g. *National Prepared Report Released:* The NPR presents a national perspective, highlighting the contributions to preparedness made by the whole community—namely, Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, communities, and individuals. The report also integrates data from the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment process and State Preparedness Reports from the 56 states and territories. FEMA also conducted research to identify any recent independent evaluations, surveys, and other data related to the core capabilities. For a copy of the full report go to: <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-report>. Questions can be directed to FEMA at: NPR@fema.dhs.gov. For more information on national preparedness efforts, visit: <http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness>

VI. Next Meeting – September 17, 2015