



MAD RIVER VALLEY

PLANNING DISTRICT

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MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING July 20, 2023

Steering Committee Members Present: Bob Ackland (Warren SB), Dan Raddock (Warren PC), Jared Cadwell (Fayston SB), Karen Sauther (Fayston PC), Brian Shupe (Waitsfield SB), Alice Peal (Waitsfield PC), Margo Wade (Sugarbush), Eric Friedman (Chamber of Commerce)

Staff Present: Sam Robinson, CP; Joshua Schwartz, ED.

Others Present: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob Ackland. The meeting was held in person at the Waitsfield Town Offices and remotely via Zoom. Introductions took place.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

III. Public Comment

No member of the public offered comments. Bob offered words of support for those affected by the recent flooding; Eric suggested that MRV towns might be in a position to help Middlesex, where many roads were washed out.

IV. Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes of June 8, 2023 were approved.

V. Staff Report

Joshua highlighted several items from his written report:

- Flood resources availability; VLCT page now available
- Waitsfield wastewater – timeline is being updated, project is moving into design stage
 - MOU to be discussed at next SB meeting, as timeline has changed
- VOREC – update from visioning committee in meeting packet; potential for Sam to be involved in the Trails working group, to be discussed by SC in the fall
- Mad River Path – Misha is focusing on the Route 100 corridor project
- Route 100/17 existing conditions report was just filed; this is starting point for the project
- Sugarbush has submitted their annual data report; portions incorporated in PD data report
- Two legislative summaries related to planning; HOME Act resource page
- VNRC Parcelization webinar – associated website provides much relevant data and information
- Building Communities Grants now open for applications
 - Question re the Education portion of these being applicable to Fayston's playground – Joshua pointed to the site for more information

VI. Member Roundtable

Brian – Waitsfield is in discussion regarding a portion of the Fairgrounds site being transferred to the Town/conserved.

Dan – PC is in process of identifying priorities.

Bob – SB engaged in Town Administrator hiring process, Land Use Regulations review.

Sugarbush – Summer events, winter preparation. Projects ongoing – Glen House, workforce housing, Reverse Traverse, updating Master Plan with NFS, 3-acre stormwater permitting. Two lift replacements upcoming, one in 2024 and one in 2025.

Eric – Chamber involved in flood response actions. Local business activity is down this summer; welcome center is being planned/designed to help with the area's image, etc. The collaborative event calendar is live, others encouraged to check it out. Chamber is beginning work on accessibility initiatives

Jared – There have been some Land Use Regulation challenges; reminder that German Flats will be closed for culvert replacement.

Karen – Land Use Regulation definitions being refined; PC experiencing a lot of membership turnover.

Alice - PC is working on incorporating proposed bylaw changes into the Land Use Regulations, including S.100-related items; CVRPC working on Regional Plan update

VII. New Business

Preliminary 2023 Annual Data Report and Discussion – Bob stressed the importance of this data prior to Sam's review of a large portion of the report. Sam emphasized the MRV Vision Statement as underlying the data presented.

The data from the first sections of the report was reviewed, with questions from SC members answered and members providing feedback regarding what other data would be useful. As there was not time to cover all the slides (available on the MRVPD web site), SC members will review the remainder of the Report prior to the next meeting (September) so that any questions/feedback may be addressed then.

MRVPD Strategic Planning – the SC will begin this discussion at the September meeting, following review of the rest of the Data Report.

VIII. Old Business

- MRVPD Roles and Responsibilities Subcommittee – The subcommittee will have drafts of several documents available for review for the next meeting

IX. Upcoming Meeting

The next SC meeting will be held on September 21, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlin
Recording Secretary