

**Mad River Valley Planning District
Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda for Meeting of
November 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.
General Wait House**

Accept Minutes of 10/21/10 Steering Committee meeting

I. Director's Report

II. New Business

- a. **Path Assoc. Re: Leash Free Dog Path (Laura Brines & Dan Holtz)**
- b. **Energy Discussion (Peter Boynton)**
- c. **MRVPD FY11 Budget Update**
- d. **Review Annual Tri-Town Selectboard Meeting | 11/16 (Joshua)**

III. Old Business

- a. **Update on Sugarbush Access Rd. Repaving**

IV. Events & Items of Interest

A. **Municipal Planning Grants:** Municipal Planning Grants (MPGs) will be available once again this year with applications due on November 30, 2010. MPG funds provide assistance for town planning and implementation. Information about the program is available online at: <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/GMS/OnlineApplication2011.htm>. MPG funding for fiscal year 2011 (FY11) was allocated approximately at the same \$400,000 level as in FY10, which is about half of the annual allocation received earlier in the past decade. Because of the reduced funding, the Community Planning and Revitalization Division has implemented two notable changes in the program for FY11: 1. The emphasis of the statewide priorities is now more focused on implementation of the municipal plan and 2. A cash match will be required for grant requests between \$8,000 - \$15,000. Matching funds will not be required for grant requests of \$8,000 or less.

B. **Community Energy & Climate Action Conference | 12/4 | Fairlee** – This full-day conference is for individuals interested in how Vermont communities can take action to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use for municipal governments, businesses, and residents. Workshop topics will cover topics like: Community Renewables, Biomass Energy, Local Energy Projects in Vermont, Finding the Funds, Building Resilient Energy Committees, Transportation and Energy, State, National and International Efforts to Address Climate Change and much more. For more info contact Jessie Schmidt (Jessica.a.schmidt@uvm.edu) at 223.2389.

C. **MRV Energy Presentation | 12/7, 7-9 PM | Big Picture** – VFN presents *Energizing our Valley's Future: Taking Stock of Local Renewable Energy Resources*, an evening to understand the MRV's energy consumption and explore the role that clean energy could play. Joshua will set the stage by characterizing our current energy status. Mike Brouillette of VCGI will demonstrate the Renewable Energy Atlas of VT.

D. **UVM/MRV Collaboration Final Presentations | 12/8, 6-9 PM | Big Picture** – Final presentations of the UVM Service Learning Course, Local Community Initiatives, will take place at 6 PM. The 15 UVM students and a variety of Valley residents have been working on the following projects throughout the fall: Local Food Market Study, Mad River Path Association Interpretive Materials, and Mad Bikes program

V. **Next Steering Committee Meeting – December 16th**