

**Mad River Valley Planning District
Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda for Meeting of
June 18, 2015
7:00 P.M.
General Wait House Meeting Room**

I. Accept Minutes of 5/21/15 Steering Committee Meeting

II. Director's Report

III. New Business

- a. Mad River Path Association Update (Will Flender)
- b. Watershed Wide Water Mgmt Plan (Dara Torre)
- c. Sugarbush Data Report (Margo Wade)

IV. Old Business

- a. Sugarbush Gadd Brook & Valley House project Updates (Margo Wade)
- b. MRV Vision & Vitality Update (Peter MacLaren)
- c. MRVPD System Map Update (Joshua)

V. Events/Trainings/Info

- a. A third public hearing on [CVRPC's 2008 Regional Plan update](#) will take place on July 14th, 2015 at 7:30PM in the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.
- b. *Vermont's Downtown and Village Center tax credit program* is one of the primary benefits of Downtown and Village Center designation, and supports revitalization seen in community centers across the state. In 2015, \$2,200,000 in state income tax credits became available to projects that enhance the historic character and improve building safety of older and historic commercial buildings in these designated communities. The credits support general rehabilitation work, code compliance work, data and network wiring, and exterior improvements, and may be combined with the federal program. This year, legislative changes to the program include updates to make the tax credits more useful and effective. A new tax credit, of up to \$40,000, is now available for affordable elevators known as LULAs (Limited Use Limited Application), and the cap for state building code-required improvements increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Applications for the next round of tax credits are due July 1, 2015 by 4:30 pm and the Vermont Downtown Board will make its allocation decisions when it meets July 27, 2015. The application is now available on ACCD's [website](#). Applications can be submitted electronically to caitlin.corkins@state.vt.us
- c. *Municipal Planning Grants*: DHCD will announce the FY16 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) guidelines in June and unveil upgrades to the online grants management system in July. MPG applications are due on September 30, 2015 and grants will be awarded by the end of the year. To be eligible, towns must have the Regional Planning Commission approve their municipal plans before the grant deadline. For more information, contact Annina Seiler at annina.seiler@state.vt.us.

- d. *Green Stormwater Infrastructure Best Management Practices Info Sheets.* The Vermont Green Infrastructure Initiative recently unveiled a set of 9 fact sheets that describe the essential details of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Best Management Practices (BMPs). Sheets are available for the following BMPs: [Bioretention](#), [Constructed Gravel Wetland](#), [Green Roof](#), [Infiltration Trench](#), [Pervious Pavement](#), [Rain Barrels & Cisterns](#), [Stormwater Planter](#), [Stormwater Tree Pit](#), and [Vegetated Swale](#). These are intended to help those interested in implementing GSI in selecting the appropriate BMP or set of BMPs for their stormwater management needs.
- e. *VTrans opens 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian program for local projects.* To show its continued support for bicycling and walking, VTrans has issued a solicitation for new bicycle and pedestrian projects. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects. For a link to the VTrans 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application, visit the VTrans website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/>, and look under the Spotlight heading. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications electronically, but they may submit hard copies. Either must be received, post-marked or in hand by 1PM, Friday July 17, 2014. Applicants to the Bike/Ped Program are strongly encouraged to attend one of two workshops that will be provided via a webinar. The workshops are offered on either Wednesday May 27, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM or Thursday, May 28, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The webinar may be accessed from vtrans.webex.com. Reservations are not required. For any questions about this year's Bicycle and Pedestrian program or other VTrans initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Jon Kaplan, VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, at [802-828-0059](tel:802-828-0059) or jon.kaplan@state.vt.us
- f. *Beginning July 1, Recycling Will Be Mandatory in Vermont* - Under Act 148 of the Universal Recycling Law, starting on July 1 every residence and business will be required to separate recyclable metal, glass, plastic and paper from trash. Also beginning July 1, municipalities will have to provide recycling containers along with trashcans in public places and transfer stations. [\[Learn More\]](#)
- g. *VTransparency Website Provides Local and Statewide Information on Pavement, Bridges, Projects, and Maintenance.* The new [VTransparency](#) site shares data from sources all over the agency to create tools for getting answers to common questions.
- h. *FEMA Severe Weather Preparedness Toolkit Available.* Severe weather can strike at any time. Are you prepared? The National Preparedness Community has released the new Severe Weather Preparedness Toolkit, available for download. [\[Learn More\]](#)
- i. *Training Opportunity: Local Government Climate Adaptation.* This 30-minute training was developed with the assistance of EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee. [\[Learn More\]](#)

VI. Next Meeting – July 16, 2015