

West Central Vermont CEDS – Strategy Committee

Wednesday, October 5 – 1 to 3 PM

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Present:

Taylor Newton, CCRPC
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Hannah Andrew, ACRPC
Dana Hanley, ACEDC
Fred Kenney, ACEDC
Tyler Richardson, CEDRR
Melissa Bounty, CVRDC
Bonnie Waninger, CVRPC
Christian Meyer, CVRPC
Jon Ignatowski, CVRPC
Devon Neary, RRPC
Alex Demoly, GBIC

Taylor kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone at about 1 PM.

1. Changes/adjustment to agenda:

Taylor asked for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none proposed, he continued.

2. Minutes – September 29, 2021:

Sam Andersen motion to accept the minutes as written. Fred Kenney seconded. The Committee approved the minutes from the September 19. meeting.

3. Budget:

Without an extension the grant period has ended and there are no billable hours remaining to participating organizations. Taylor has had two meetings with EDA; CVRPC members joined for one. The extension request will be supplemented with some additional materials soon and then the decision should come back from EDA in 2-3 weeks.

4. Task #4 – Develop CEDS and Evaluation Framework

The Committee discussed the following:

- Defining “economic gardening”
- Decided to edit Goal 2 in the following manner:
 - o Be more generic about “benefits” discussed in goal.
 - o Add a Women Owned Businesses Action, if appropriate.
 - o Move discussion of specific BIPOC focused programs to a text box

- Decided to edit Goal 4 in the following manner:
 - o Moved business recruitment and retention strategies to a text box.
 - o Melissa agreed to send Taylor an action about work-based learning coordinators with CTES
- Decided to remove Goal #6, Action #5 regarding Act 250
- Decided to retain Goals #6, Action #6 regarding permitting and directed Taylor to consider moving the action from Quality of Life to Infrastructure.
- Decided to search for “target” and replace term with other language.
- Indicators
 - o Decided to remove Opportunity Zones and Workforce Program indicators

5. Adjournment - Bonnie Waninger moved to adjourn, Fred Kenney seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Taylor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Newton