Community Development Committee
Minutes from meeting: 9 June 2016
Location: WRC Conference Room

Community Development Committee present: Alan LaCombe (Chair), Roger Turner, Lynn Barrett, Edie Mas, Robert McBride
Non-committee members present: Kristin Mehalick (BDCC/SEVEDS), Candace Pearson (Building Green)
Staff present: Susan McMahon

Called to order 4:35 pm

1. **Introductions/Minutes Approval**
   The minutes of 10 March 2016 were approved.

2. **Green Economy Innovation Hub**
   K. Mehalick and C. Pearson discussed the Green Economy Innovation Hub (GEIH) and ways WRC can support the project. They handed out a [project summary](#) on the project. They invited the Committee members to get involved and join one of the numerous workgroups that are working on this project. After the meeting K. Mehalick sent a link to the most [current list of cluster-wide workgroups](#) along with their leaders, participants, and purpose statements.

3. **Regional Housing**
   S. McMahon discussed that the subcommittee was going to meet on June 23rd and continue working on this project.

4. **Update and Announcements in Topic Areas**
   - **Brownfields** – S. McMahon updated the Committee that WRC was one of two Vermont RPCs that will receive $400,000 to continue their successful brownfields program. She also explained that the she has applied for $500,000 of supplemental funds and will find out later this summer if the application was successful.
   - **Housing** – S. McMahon discussed that she was contacted by one of the organizers of a Tiny House festival that will take place in Brattleboro in early September.
   - **Cultural and Historic** – S. McMahon updated the Committee that WRC staff is working with Vermont Performance Lab on a project on arts and water quality.
   - **Infrastructure** – S. McMahon updated the Committee that she recently wrote a letter of regional plan consistency for the Rich Earth Institute grant application
   - **Recreation** –
   - **Economic/Community Development** – S. McMahon updated the Committee that a Tri-State Initiative meeting was held in May and she is in the process of pulling together the final report.

   *Village/Downtowns* - She also reported that Weston and Putney Village recently received renewal of their Village Center designation. Readsboro recently applied and Saxtons River was de-designated pending town plan adoption and confirmation. Bellows Falls Downtown is in the process of renewing their downtown designation.
Human Services – S. McMahon discussed that she is working with United Way on data collection.

5. Other Business/Next Meeting

Next meeting July 14, 2015
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.