

**Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)  
Resolution**

**Richmond's 2018 Comprehensive Plan, Planning Process and Enhanced Energy Plan**

WHEREAS, Title 24, V.S.A. §4350 in part requires that CCRPC shall review the municipal planning process of our member municipalities including review of plans; that each review shall include a public hearing which is noticed as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b); and that before approving a plan the Commission shall find that it:

1. is consistent with the goals established in Section 4302 of this title;
2. is compatible with its Regional Plan;
3. is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region;
4. contains all the elements included in § 4382(a)(1)-(12) of this Title;

WHEREAS, Title 24, V.S.A. §4352 in part states that a municipality that wishes to seek a Determination of Energy Compliance may submit its plan to the Regional Planning Commission, if the regional plan has an affirmative determination of energy compliance; that each review shall include a public hearing; and that the Commission shall issue an affirmative determination of energy compliance if the plan:

1. is consistent with the regional plan;
2. includes an energy element;
3. is consistent with Vermont's energy goals and policies; and
4. meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance included in the State energy plans, as described by the Vermont Department of Public Service in their Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans;

WHEREAS, the CCRPC's 2018 *Chittenden County Regional Plan, entitled the ECOS Plan*, adopted June 20, 2018, received an affirmative determination of energy compliance on August 2, 2018;

WHEREAS, the CCRPC at its September 19, 2018 meeting approved the *CCRPC Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes, Approval of Municipal Plans and Granting Determination of Energy Compliance* dealing with local plans and CCRPC action;

WHEREAS, The Town of Richmond, Vermont is a member municipality of this Commission;

WHEREAS, The Town of Richmond formally requested CCRPC to approve its 2018 Town Plan and confirm its planning process on May 21, 2018 and formally requested CCRPC to grant a determination of energy compliance on November 19, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee warned a public hearing on November 15, 2017 and held a public hearing on December 6, 2017 to review the 2018 Town Plan for approval and confirmation of the planning process; and the Planning Advisory Committee warned a public hearing on November 26, 2018 and held a public hearing on December 12, 2018 for granting a determination of energy compliance, at the CCRPC offices, located at 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, Vermont;

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the records and recommended that the Commission approve Richmond's 2018 Town Plan as meeting the requirements of 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes, Approval of Municipal Plans and Granting Determinations of Energy Compliance* and confirm the community's planning process as consistent with Title 24, Chapter 117, as described in CCRPC's staff review, dated June 5, 2018 and the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee from June 13, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the records and recommended that the Commission grant an affirmative determination of energy compliance to Richmond's 2018 Town Plan as meeting the requirements of Title 24, V.S.A. §4352 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes, Approval of Municipal Plans and Granting Determinations of Energy Compliance*, as described in CCRPC's staff review, dated November 30, 2018 and the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee from December 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Richmond adopted the 2018 Richmond Town Plan on Election Day, November 6, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, that, in compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes, Approval of Municipal Plans and Granting Determinations of Energy Compliance*, CCRPC approves the 2018 Richmond Comprehensive Plan and the Commission finds that said Plan:

1. is consistent with the goals established in Section 4302 of Title 24;
2. is compatible with the 2018 *Chittenden County Regional Plan, entitled the ECOS Plan*, adopted June 20, 2018;

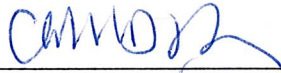
3. is compatible with the approved plans from other adjacent Chittenden County municipalities; and
4. contains all the elements included in § 4382(a)(1)-(12) and/or is making substantial progress toward attainment of the elements of this subsection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, that, in compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of Municipal Plans*, CCRPC confirms the Town of Richmond's municipal planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, that, in compliance with Title 24, V.S.A. §4352 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes, Approval of Municipal Plans and Granting Determinations of Energy Compliance*, CCRPC grants an affirmative determination of energy compliance to the 2018 Richmond Town Plan.

Dated at Winooski, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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Christopher D. Roy, Chair