

# ACRPC *update*

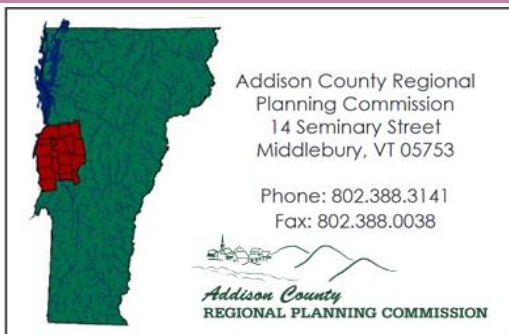
February  
2020

## This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 12	7:00pm	Full ACRPC Commission meeting
Wed. 19	5:00pm	LEPC 8 Executive Committee meeting
Wed. 19	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Thurs 20	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management Dist.
Wed. 26	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting
March 2	7:00pm	Salisbury- Joint Hearing Local Govt/Energy Com
March 10	7:00pm	Weybridge- Jt Hearing Local Govt/Energy Com

Meetings held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary St Middlebury, and are open to the public.

Digital calendar located at <http://acrpc.org/calendar/>



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## Energy Roundtable Kickoff

Addison County Regional Planning hosted a first roundtable gathering of town energy coordinators and committees on January 28th, 2020. The gathering kicked off a project connecting regional and local energy plan implementation efforts.



Representatives from several towns, including Weybridge, Ripton, Starksboro, Middlebury, New Haven, Vergennes, Salisbury, and Bridport, along with representatives of the Regional Planning Commission's Energy Committee and the Climate Economy Action Center exchanged strategies for increasing thermal, electrical, and transportation efficiency.

ACRPC will be providing programming support for energy committees and hosting additional gatherings of energy committee members and stakeholders. The next Energy gathering will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at ACRPC office from 4:30-6:00pm.

If you are interested in more information or starting or enhancing energy committee efforts, please contact Andrew L'Roe, [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org) or 802-388-3141

# Events

## Meet Your Representatives

Addison County VT Representatives Robin Scheu and Amy Sheldon will be hosting a series of community conversations during the legislative session. The dates for these are:

- **Saturday, February 22, 9–10am**
- **Saturday, March 28, 9–10am**
- **Saturday, April 25, 9–10am**

All meetings will be held in the mezzanine area of the Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury. They look forward to sharing what's happening in the legislature and hearing from you about your thoughts and concerns.

## Chittenden County I-89 2050 Study

### Public Outreach Meetings

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) are conducting a comprehensive study of Interstate 89 within Chittenden County to create a vision and identify improvements for 2020 to 2050.

Public meetings will be held on the following:

- **Williston Town Hall, Thursday, February 13**
- **Winooski City Hall, Wednesday, March 11**

Both meetings **6-8pm**, dinner will be provided.

Learn more at [www.envision89.com](http://www.envision89.com) or contact Diane Meyerhoff – [diane@thirdsectorassociates.com](mailto:diane@thirdsectorassociates.com)

Alternatively, Addison County residents may watch a live stream video of any of the upcoming meetings directly from the website: <http://www.envision89.com>.

Representatives of CCRPC will also be presenting to the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its Wednesday, April 22 meeting, 6:30 at ACRPC.

## Presentation on Preparations for Coronavirus Wednesday, February 26, 5pm

State Police Barracks, 2490 Route 7, New Haven  
The Addison County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 8) is excited to have Jeffrey Heath, RN, the Public Health Nurse Supervisor at the Vermont Department of Health, presenting on the preparations for the novel coronavirus at the LEPC regular monthly meeting.

Town Health Officers and Emergency Managers and First Responders are encouraged to attend! For more information, contact Andrew L'Roe of ACRPC at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org) or 802-388-3141



Each meeting will feature a brief overview of TCI and provide more details about the specific proposals in the draft regional MOU and the associated modeling results. After the presentation, there will be questions and feedback on the draft.

- **February 6, 6:00-8:00pm**

Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall  
149 Church St, Burlington, VT

Contact: Charlie Baker [cbaker@ccrpcvt.org](mailto:cbaker@ccrpcvt.org)

- **February 13, 6:00-8:00 pm**

Selectboard Chambers, 3rd Floor Town Offices  
96 Main St, Springfield, VT

Contact: Tom Kennedy [tkennedy@swcrpc.org](mailto:tkennedy@swcrpc.org)

# Trainings and Tools

**Town Meeting 2020 is Tuesday March 3, 2020!**

**Town Meeting Resources-** <https://www.vlct.org/news/town-meeting-resources-2020>

**Town Meeting Topics-** <https://www.vlct.org/municipal-assistance/municipal-topics/town-meeting>

Town Meeting is coming upon us quickly. In an effort to get municipal officials prepped for March 5th, the Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) has revised several resources for municipal officials.

If you are an elected or appointed municipal official and have questions about Town Meeting roles and responsibilities, please contact the VLCT MAC Inquiry line at 1-800-649-7915 or [info@vlct.org](mailto:info@vlct.org)

## Town Meeting Tune-Up

<https://www.vlct.org/event/town-meeting-tune-up>

**Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Capitol Plaza, 100 State Street, Montpelier**

This workshop is designed for moderators, selectboard members, town clerks, town managers and administrators. All local officials who are interested in learning how to run town meeting are encouraged to attend. Geared toward both new moderators and seasoned veterans, the workshop will focus on the statutory requirements for town meeting, *Robert's Rules of Order*, recent pertinent court cases, and best practices for making it through Town Meeting Day unscathed.

## Local Government Day

<https://www.vlct.org/event/local-government-day>

**Thursday, February 13, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Capitol Plaza, 100 State Street, Montpelier**

Local Government Day in the Legislature is an annual event at the Vermont State House during February where local officials can learn about the status of pending legislation that affects local government, attend legislative hearings, and speak with their representatives and senators.

**Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 6**

For more information, contact  
VLCT Event Coordinator:

Lisa Goodell, (802) 229-9111, [info@vlct.org](mailto:info@vlct.org)



## Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning Toolkit

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/places/town-forests/recreation-planning-initiative/recreation-planning-toolkit>

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program is pleased to announce the release of this toolkit with all the materials, templates, and resources needed to assist communities in developing and implementing a town forest recreation plan. There are 6 modules, organized around different themes, to support all communities in sustainable, forest-based recreation planning in town forests.

Interested in learning more about recreation planning in town forests? Check out the upcoming workshops to celebrate the launch of the toolkit and explore different topics around town forest recreation management. All workshops are free and open to anyone.

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/places/town-forests/recreation-planning-initiative/upcoming-workshops>

For questions, please contact Kate Forrer at [katherine.forrer@uvm.edu](mailto:katherine.forrer@uvm.edu), 802-476-2003 ext 210

# Trainings

## Tackling Food Waste: Basics for Businesses

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 8:00 to 9:30 am

Middlebury Regional EMS Training/Meeting Room, 55 Collins Drive, Middlebury

Does your organization have a plan for separating food waste from the trash? Starting July 1, 2020, state law bans all food scraps—in any amount—from the trash in Vermont. The law applies to everyone, including businesses and offices. Whether you're the office sustainability champion or you're totally daunted by the idea of collecting food scraps, this workshop is for you! In this session, you will learn about your organization's responsibilities and options under Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, get tips for greener waste strategies, and have your questions answered. Coffee and refreshments will be provided, and attendees will receive signs, stickers, and a free food scrap bucket!

To register, visit <https://www.addisoncountyrecycles.org/about/support/businesses#c1382>

## Vermont Coverts Woodlands for Wildlife Cooperator Training

[www.vtcoverts.org](http://www.vtcoverts.org)

### May 8-10 at Common Ground in Starksboro

Do you love your woodlands? Join us for the Coverts 3-day Woodlands for Wildlife Cooperator Training sponsored by Vermont Coverts. It will allow you to connect with resource professionals, landowners and others while learning how you can improve your woodlands to meet your goals.

This Training is FREE (a \$100 deposit, refundable upon completion, is required to hold spot).

To learn more, visit contact Lisa Sausville at 802-877-2777 or e-mail [lisa@vtcoverts.org](mailto:lisa@vtcoverts.org)

## ICS 402- Incident Command System for Executives

This course provides Executives and Senior Officials (including Elected Officials, City/County Managers, Agency Administrators, etc.) an orientation to the Incident Command System (ICS). Officials with this certification are needed to sign annual Local Emergency Operations Plans.

- **Thursday, April 9, 1:30-4:30pm**

**Cornwall Town Hall, 2629 VT Rte 30, Cornwall**

- **Friday, April 24, 1:30-4:30pm**

**Vergennes Police Station, 8 Main St, Vergennes**

You can register for these courses via the VT Learning Management System: <http://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>

For more information, contact ACRPC's Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org) or 802-388-3141

## Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Monitoring Workshops

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/news/events/hemlock-woolly-adelgid-monitoring-workshop>

**Saturday, February 29th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Holley Hall, 1 South Street, Bristol VT**

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is a destructive invasive insect that has already been detected on hemlock trees in southern Vermont. Learn to monitor and slow the spread of this invasive insect, with Jim Esden, State Protection Forester, and Caitlin Cusack, Forester, VT Land Trust.

Please pre-register by February 24th as space is limited. Be sure to register separately for each individual attending: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hemlock-woolly-adelgid-monitoring-workshop-registration-90430099863>

For more information, please contact Ginger Nickerson, at [ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu](mailto:ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu) or 802-476-2003



# Grants & Date Reminders

## 2020 Downtown Transportation Fund Grant

**Application Deadline: March 9 at 4:30 pm**

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>

The Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) has grants up to \$100,000 available to help municipalities make a variety of transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a downtown district and supporting economic development, as allowed by 24 V.S.A. §2796(c).

Projects may include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements, bike and pedestrian improvements, safety enhancements, rail or bus facilities, utility relocation, way-finding signage, street lighting, and ADA access improvements. Funds may not be used for costs incurred prior to the grant award, or general operating and maintenance costs such as repaving or administrative costs.

## Middlebury Rotary Grants

**Application Deadline: February 14**

<https://middleburyrotary.org/sitepage/request-help-from-rotary/related-page-6>

The Rotary Club of Middlebury invites non-profit organizations to apply for operational and capital funds. Our club donates approximately \$50,000 annually to deserving causes and we are currently accepting applications for 2020.

The Club focuses its manpower and money in six areas of concern as selected by Rotary International:

1. Conflict prevention and resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy, and finally
6. Economic and community development.

For questions please contact  
[rotaryclubofmiddlebury@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofmiddlebury@gmail.com)

## Date Reminders

### Climate-Friendly Forests Lecture

**Thursday, February 6, 6:30 PM**

Ilsley Library, 75 Main St., Middlebury, VT

### 2020 Vermont Watershed Grants Program

**Application deadline: February 7**

<https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants/co-opportunities>



### Call for Proposals- VT Walk Bike Summit

**Proposal deadline: Friday, February 7**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EUsf4K2T3PS3-sWvufm86vAMRmpcu69vhtHLw4ILbvg/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EUsf4K2T3PS3-sWvufm86vAMRmpcu69vhtHLw4ILbvg/viewform?edit_requested=true)

### Hazardous Materials Reporting

**Reports required by March 1, 2020**

[www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm)

All organizations, including businesses and local government facilities are required to report hazardous chemicals or pesticides kept on site during the preceding calendar year (2019)

# Save the Date!

## Youth Cannabis Prevention Conference

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Lake Morey Resort.

The State of Vermont, Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) is hosting.

### Session 1, 1 hour, approx. 100 participants:

Municipal approaches to Cannabis policy: Guided by Vermont municipal policy experts, explore answer and questions such as: What is required by law? What are municipal options?

### Session 2, 1 hour, 40-100 participants:

Policy experts from Vermont and California lead a discussion of municipal considerations for a taxed and regulated cannabis marketplace and the role of substance use prevention working with municipalities.

## Climate Action Film Festival

<https://suncommon.com/climate-action-film-festival/>

The first annual Climate Action Film Festival is a celebration of short films with a focus on solutions to the climate crisis. It is the first festival of its kind to exclusively feature storytelling around solutions rather than simply the impacts of climate change.

- **Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 pm**  
**Marquis Theatre & Café, Middlebury, VT**
- **Thursday, February 20, 6:00pm**  
**Bristol Firehouse, Bristol, VT**

## Vermont Arbor Day Conference 2020

Thursday, April 30, 8:30am-4:30pm

Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs/arboret-day/vermont-arbor-day-conference>

**SAVE the DATE!**

**2020 Vermont Walk / Bike Summit**

**Creating Healthy Communities**

**Key Note Speaker:**  
Don Kostelec, of Vitruvian Planning  
**May 8th, 2020 Middlebury, VT**