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Hello,

As an ex-secretary of the Pittsfield, VT planning commission during our last review I am still saddened and feel disenfranchised by this entire construct of planning.

I agree with the sentiment and letters penned by Michelle Massa, and Todd Heyman.

I also completely disagree with the methods by which TROC has told the towns that the state requires them to have land use maps in their town's plan and then tells the state that the town's defined the land use areas. During this process I was told that Pittsfield has no farms, I was told that our existing mix of businesses and housing was not 'mixed residential', and when I raised the question of how the next generation of Pittsfield people will be able to start their businesses and be prosperous just like the last generation including kiln-dried firewood employing many locals, auto shops (shut down), metal roofing sales employing many people, etc.. They just shrugged and said that TROC forces this so that we can continue to get grants for the town. But then I talk to town members who say that for instance building the town sand shed they got a quote for 90k, then the town got a TROC grant which escalated the cost to well over 200k (but there was grant money helping) ...but the town still ended up paying more than 90k...

So yes I disagree with the regional plan, I disagree with the methods by which TROC has been operating, and I disagree with the core concepts that TROC is operating under which is why I left the town's planning commission after seeing that no amount of calm rational discussion could sway the invisible hand.

I feel that TROC should stop pushing forward an agenda which has originated outside the state boundary, and instead should represent the interest, future viability, and financial freedom of the actual residents and their children within the region.

Thank you,
_Vaughn Micciche Resident & landowner Pittsfield, VT