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Dear Senate Government Operations Committee:

While I've not found anything in statute that would preclude regional planning commissions (RPCs) from using electronic signatures, we're also not explicitly authorized to have that ability.

Looking at RPC enabling statutes, I believe 24 V.S.A. § 4362 would be the best fit
(<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/24/117/04362>).

(a) For the purposes outlined in subdivisions 4345(6) and (12) of this title, regional planning commissions may receive and expend monies from any source, including the participating municipalities and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, out of funds appropriated to that Agency for this purpose. Municipalities may appropriate to and expend funds for regional planning commissions for this purpose. Direct financial assistance from the State to regional planning commissions for the purposes outlined in subdivisions 4345(6) and (12) of this title is restricted to 50 percent of the annual operating expenses of the commission. **Regional planning commissions are allowed to use electronic signatures in the conduct of their business.**

Thank you for your consideration.

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