

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

2 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

3 **Minutes**

4 **November 28, 2017**

5 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

6 **Attendees:**

|   |                                      |   |                                   |
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| X | Barre City: Scott Bascom             |   | Northfield: Jeff Schultz          |
|   | Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen         | X | Orange: Lee Cattaneo              |
|   | Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair | X | Plainfield: Bob Atchinson         |
|   | Cabot: Karen Deasy                   |   | Roxbury: Gerry D’Amico            |
|   | Calais: David Ellenbogen             |   | Waitsfield: Don La Haye           |
| X | Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush            | X | Warren: Camilla Behn              |
| X | East Montpelier: Frank Pratt         |   | Washington: Ray McCormack         |
| X | Fayston: Kevin Russell               | X | Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair |
|   | Marshfield: Vacant                   |   | Williamstown: Vacant              |
|   | Middlesex: Ronald Krauth             |   | Woodbury: Vacant                  |
| X | Montpelier: Dona Bate                |   | Worcester: Bill Arrand            |
|   | Moretown: Joyce Manchester           | X | Staff: Daniel Currier             |

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9 Guests: Zoe Neaderland (VTrans), Lars Dickson (Duxbury Selectboard)

10 Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Introductions were completed.

11 A quorum of members where not present so no action could be taken on the agenda items.

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13 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

14 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

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16 **Public Comments:**

17 There were no public comments.

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19 **Approval of September TAC Minutes:**

20 Minutes were reviewed and corrections where made. No action was taken due to lack of  
21 quorum.

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23 **Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects**

24 TAC reviewed four Municipal transportation study projects they included:

- 1 • Waterbury’s study of the bridge # 36 over Thatcher Brook at the north end of Stowe
- 2 Street, and
- 3 • East Montpelier’s traffic study of the Towne Hill Road/US 2 intersection,
- 4 • Duxbury’s traffic study of the three-way intersection of River Rd and Main St
- 5 • Northfield Sidewalk Assessment and Planning

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7 Representative from each community spoke about their project and answered questions from  
8 TAC members.

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10 Waterbury TAC member S. Lotspeich presented on the Waterbury Study.  
11 Q - Is this bridge part of the CVRPC town highway bridge priority list? Yes  
12 Q - Will you be looking at a new alignment? Yes but it has some restrictions that will need to  
13 consider. Waterbury is also willing to contribute \$7500 to the study to help cover for a  
14 hydrologic study. The bridge study will only look at full replacement of the bridge with no  
15 rehab due to the deterioration of the structure.

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17 East Montpelier TAC Member F. Pratt talked about the East Montpelier Towne Hill/US 2  
18 intersection. The study would help to pay for a Safety Alternative Study at the intersection.

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20 Duxbury Selectboard member L. Dickson presented on the Duxbury River Road/Main St  
21 intersection. Traffic at this intersection is entering from many directions making it very  
22 confusing. Speeding is also a concern. The current posted speed limit is 35 MPH. Also this  
23 route will be used as a local detour during the Waterbury Main St reconstruction project.  
24 Duxbury proposed add more stop signs at the intersection and also installing radar feedback  
25 signs on both approaches to Main St. Lastly they would like to change the speed limit to 25  
26 MPH.

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28 TAC member talk about the limitations of CVRPC’s funding and how we could help with a  
29 planning study of this intersection. The TAC proposed also expanding the study to look at all  
30 the intersections including Route 100 and Main St and pedestrians using on the road.

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32 TAC would like to see the proposal focus more on a study of access management and traffic  
33 control problems for the whole village area including the access to the daycare/apartment  
34 building. L. Dickson agreed to this change to the Duxbury transportation planning study  
35 request.

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37 D. Carrier presented The Town of Northfield project idea. They are looking to assess the  
38 existing sidewalks along South Main St. This assessment will help the town understand the  
39 number of users, existing condition, and what improvements should be planned. Some of the  
40 other items to consider in this assessment include ADA compliance, storm water issues, existing  
41 materials, and possible funding sources for any improvements.

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1 TAC would like to see this proposal expanded to include more of a comprehensive analysis of  
2 the sidewalk and pedestrian circulation in Northfield.

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4 The TAC members next ranked each of the proposal. Their ranking is as follows.

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7 Street,

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12 **Review of VTrans State Paving Projects**

13 Staff presented the 2018 State Paving project list. The list is part of the RPC’s yearly project  
14 prioritization process. This year’s list utilizes our 2017 RPC ranking. Currently there is only one  
15 selected State Paving project in CVRPC’s region on the list.

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- 17 • VT Route 17 in Fayston, VT

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19 CVRPC TAC does not need to rank any other State Paving projects this year.

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21 **Presentation on VTrans Transportation Asset Management Plan Update**

22 Z. Neaderland reviewed the Transportation Asset Management Plan with the TAC. This year  
23 VTrans is working with a graphic designer to develop new graphics to help engage people about  
24 the Plan. Zoe presented the draft graphics and took feedback from the TAC members on the  
25 graphics.

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27 **Transportation Updates**

28 Dan reviewed the transportation updates

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30 **TAC Member Concerns**

31 No Concerns where shared.

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33 **Set Agenda for January**

34 VTrans Capital Program Project Prioritization

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35 **Adjourn:**

36 The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.