

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

May 26, 2020

Attendees:

x	Barre City: Scott Bascom
	Barre Town: Shaun Corbett
x	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair
	Cabot: John Cookson
x	Calais: David Ellenbogen
	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush
	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt
	Fayston: Matt Lillard
x	Marshfield: Robin Schunk
	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth
x	Montpelier: Dona Bate
x	Moretown: Joyce Manchester

	Northfield: Jeff Shultz
x	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
x	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Roxbury: Jerry D’Amico
	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
	Warren: Jim Sanford
	Washington: Vacant
x	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Williamstown: Rich Turner
	Woodbury: Vacant
	Worcester: Bill Arrand

Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guest: Peter Carbee - Washington

Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Quorum was not present at the meeting. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

No adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments:

Peter Carbee from Washington was present but since Washington doesn’t have a member he was monitoring the meeting.

Review of Draft March and April Minutes

Postponed due to lack of quorum

Review of Draft TAC Rules of Procedure

The members present of the TAC felt that the rules of procedure were well written, however there was some concern as to how the TAC was formed originally. Bona B. asked if there was any way to change the quorum numbers to be able to make more decisions. Scott B. suggested the TAC encourage bus/rail/bike and pedestrian groups to be part of the TAC. Bob W. recommended using a super majority vs. a simple majority to get more participation. Lee C pointed out that 51% of full membership might work vs quorum. David E. said there was more of a downside to including outside groups because once a group has a representative the TAC will never be able to get rid of them. Lee C. recommended that the outside representative be

1 voted in every year like the rest of the TAC is. Bob A had concerns about adding outside
2 representatives since they might not show up, and it will still be hard to chase a quorum. The
3 members present asked Ashley A. to see if it is possible to have a quorum be the majority of
4 appointed seats on the TAC vs. the amount of Towns in the region.
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6 It was also discussed that in the rules of procedure the Chair has the right to contact members
7 after 3 consecutive absences and the Town to see what going on. Steve L. commented that he
8 had been lax about that and probably should start doing that.
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10 **Election of Officers**

11 Postponed due to lack of quorum
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13 **Transportation Projects going on in the Region**

14 Ashley A. presented on Berlin 1-89 bridge replacements, Montpelier Multimodal Transit Center,
15 Route 12S crack sealing, replacement of BR13 on Cummings St in Montpelier. Steve L. gave an
16 update on the Waterbury Main St Project, and Bob A. gave an update on the Plainfield Main St
17 intersection.
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19 **Ash Tree Inventories and EAB Preparedness/Management Plans**

20 Ashley A. presented on Ash Tree Inventories and Management Plan that CVRPC helped develop.
21 Steve L. presented a bit on Waterbury's Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Plan completed by
22 Redstart Inc, with help from CVRPC on inventorying and mapping. CVRPC would like to offer its
23 services to any Municipality that hasn't completed an inventory or management plan. Please
24 contact Ashley Andrews at andrews@cvregion.com for more information.
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26 **TAC Member Comments/Concerns**

27 Bob A. is concerned about Plainfield being able to get anything done at the moment due to the
28 unrest at the Town government level, especially with the Plainfield Route 2 and Main Street
29 Project with VTrans
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31 David E. is wondering if there is anything that TAC can do that's COVID related since there is
32 going to be more Vermonters doing staycations this summer to do to encourage safe biking, or
33 address the unusual state of affairs that we have. Need to stay tuned to federal stimulus,
34 funding.
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36 Joyce mentioned the Cares Act that Vermont received 1.25 billion for but it is funds that have to
37 be spent by December 30th for health and safety issues directly related to COVID-19. She is not
38 how VTrans would be able to say that bike lanes are directly related to COVID. If we want to
39 promote healthy outdoor activities it seems related. Need to find someone at VTrans that has
40 good writing skills to recommend that as an option.
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42 **Adjourn:** S. Bascom suggested the meeting adjourn. Lee C. seconded
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44 The meeting was ended at 8:30 pm.