



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Attendees:					
	Barre City	Michael Hellein	X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)			Dara Torre, Alt
				Northfield	Thomas Davis
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Patrick Demasi, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson	X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Calais	David Ellenbogen	X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Vice Chair)
X		Karin McNeill, Alt	X	Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X	Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.		Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
X	E. Montpelier	Gina Jenkins	X	Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston	Donald Simonini	X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk	X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Woodbury	Chris Koteas
	Montpelier	Dona Bate		Worcester	Bill Arrand
<b>Staff:</b> Keith Cubbon <b>Guests:</b> Alice Peal, Amanda Carlson					

Committee Chair, Stephanie Magnan, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

#### Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

#### Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

#### Public Comments

- None

#### Staffing announcements

- Keith C. announced that CVRPC had posted positions for seasonal Planning Techs.

## **Approval of February 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- Steve L. added a correction to the minutes about mapping in village centers.
- Bob A. made a motion to accept the minutes and Rich T. 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

## **Community Rides Vermont**

Amanda Carlson presented on the roll out of a new on demand ride service. This included an over view of how Community Rides was developed through Capstone Community Action. Focus is on addressing rural poverty and isolation caused by transportation issues. Using an urban model scaled to rural VT. They are offering a flexible, reliable service that will serve 18 of our communities, offering evening services, and working 7 days a week. May 1<sup>st</sup> will start working with GMT providing Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled, Individuals in recovery, and job access rides. June 1<sup>st</sup> mobility for all pilot will start. August 1<sup>st</sup> will offer market rate taxi like service to anyone. At roll out will be using the GMT call center but are building app. Footprint will generally be usage area but will work on adjustments in case by case basis. With fare free service they are concerned about the possibility of no shows. Will be using electric vehicles, planning for 3 on the road at a time. Hoping that in August market rate riders can help subsidize service to other groups. Will try to coordinate rides so car is full as often as possible. Hoping to expand service areas and use a decentralized service model once they see main areas of demand.

Bob A. asked about Market rate pricing. Average taxi or uber rates.

Chris Koteas asked if they could coordinate with Rural Community Transit to provide options for Woodbury residents. Amanda replied this was a good idea for connections.

Karin asked for more clarity in timeline implementation. Amanda explained process.

Steve L. was excited about electric vehicles filling this gap and is hoping that finding paid drivers will not be an issue.

## **E & D Mobility Committee minutes**

Keith C. gave update about E&D Mobility Committee. GMT funding is on track for the mid-point of the fiscal year. Upcoming Mobility Summit in June or July will report on the exact date when it is verified. Mentioned that GMT volunteer drivers' numbers are half of what they were pre-Covid which is why GMT is contracting Community Rides to help with service.

## **Round table**

- Don L. notified the committee that he is now the Alternate for Waitsfield and Alice P. will be the TAC representative.
- Stephanie M. notified the committee that Sebastian A. has stepped down as Barre Town alternate

- Robert W. voiced concern about the Rt. 12 bridge in Riverton. Keith C. provided information about the AOT presentation at the Berlin select board meeting and who the project manager is. He said CVRPC was aware of the site issues and was monitoring to help get a positive outcome for Berlin and the local residents.
- Steve L. asked for information about the temporary bridge in Berlin on Rt. 302 from [VTransparency site](#) the project was determined to be a pedestrian bridge to go in association with a temporary bridge for traffic that will be installed in the near future.
- Lee C. asked about paving on Rt. 2 in Montpelier and the bad shape it is in. Keith C. mentioned it is supposed to be done this year from where they stopped in Middlesex last year. Stephanie M. stated the VTransparency has it this year starting in May.
- Robert W. notified the group that the Fisher Rd. Scoping study draft is out for public comment and is posted on the town of [Berlin website](#).

### **Adjourn**

- Bob A. moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by multiple members
- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:29

\*apologies forgot to turn on recording of meeting and missed who made the motion to accept minutes and second.