



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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

Stephanie brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

1 **Public Comments**

- 2 • Alice Peal gave an update on GMT damage to Berlin facility and that they are currently
3 working from the National Life Building parking lot and had returned all services
4 possible (some routes are being impacted by road closures)

5 **Staff Announcements**

- 6 • Keith gave an update on hiring for a new transportation planner to get back up to full
7 staffing for transportation work. First interview would be this week.

8 **Approval of May 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- 9 • Jerry made a motion to accept the June minutes with Don as 2nd. Discussion ensued
10 about minor typos and need to try and keep the minutes shorter. Motion passed.

11 **Voting for Officers**

- 12 • The committee was asked for additional nominations for officers. Seeing none. Robert
13 made a motion to accept the officers nominated with Joyce as 2nd. Motion passed. With
14 Chair-Stephanie Magnan and vice-chair Bob Atchinson.
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16 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 17 • Ronald-discussed the lack of cones and markers for damaged roads in Middlesex
18 • There was a discussion of MRGP work in ditches and in most areas being helpful in
19 preventing damages. Bob mentioned in Plainfield the stone was washed out of armored
20 ditches and created dams that then caused water to cut into the roadways
21 • Discussion of road standards and need to increase standards to help mitigate disaster
22 damages. Also proper enforcement of floodplain to keep debris/flotsam from entering
23 the river. David had a question about rectangular and trapezoidal culverts that weren't
24 allowed in 2011 but was unsure if allowed currently. Keith -mentioned that FEMA has
25 accepted Vermont road standards so culverts can be upsized when damaged due to
26 disaster and still qualify for FEMA funding.
27 • Peter notified group of Hands Mill Dam loss in Washington and caused damages
28 downstream along the Jail Branch.
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30 **TPI Workplan and Budget**

- 31 • Motion was made to accept the FFY 2024 Workplan and Budget by Robert with a 2nd
32 from Rich. Motion passed.
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34 **Speaker/Presentation**

- Steve Lotspeich gave the group a 10 minute presentation on the Waterbury downtown revitalization project. Explained the funding that supported it and the need to work with partners and multiple grant sources.

Adjourn

- At 7:15 PM Don made a motion to adjourn Robert 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Following the meeting Steve gave a walking tour of Waterbury downtown