



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Attendees:					
	Barre City			Moretown	Joyce Manchester
x	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)	x	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	Gerry D'Amico
x	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush		Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.	x		Alice Peal, Alt
	E. Montpelier	Gina Jenkins		Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		Washington	Peter Carbee
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton	x	Waterbury	Mike Hedges
x	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		Williamstown	Richard Turner
x	Montpelier	Dona Bate		Woodbury	Chris Koteas
			x	Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Keith Cubbon, Guests: Doug Greason, Amanda Holland					

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

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- None

1 **Staff Announcements**

- 2 • Keith gave an update of still trying to hire a new transportation planner to get back up
3 to full staffing for transportation work hoping to make a job offer within the next week.
4 Also mentioned sending out information on EV and EVSE incentive programs.

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

- 6 • Bob. A. made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes with Alan as 2nd.
7 Motion passed

8 **Memo FFY 23 Budget Adjustment (action)**

- 9 • Keith explained the budget adjustment. Moving of monies from one task to another to
10 cover overages and moving unspent monies to purchase trail counters for deploying
11 throughout region to cut staff hours and transit time and replacing faulty equipment.
12 David asked if any budget adjustment was need to address flooding. Keith replied that
13 with staff shortages there had been plenty of budget to cover staff hours in response.
14 Bob W. mad a motion to accept the budget adjustment with Lee C. as 2nd. Motion
15 passed.

16 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 17 • Tom Davis spoke about getting good information from CVRPC about funding for Lover's
18 Lane in Northfield. Still trying to find gap funding for paving but had discussed with Brian
19 and Christian of CVRPC. Mike H. asked if they had looked into district manager funding.
20 That districts have ~ \$160,000 they can grant each year and they may want to contact
21 the district transportation administrator. Stephanie mentioned the PROTECT grant and
22 the Municipal Assistance Bureau may be able to help. Mike also brought up the
23 emergency bridge and road funds, that checking with the district since they administer
24 this.
- 25 • Gerry asked if anyone had seen the Times-Argus opinion piece on the MRGP program
26 and how it was very negative of the State and the DEC.*article is attached to the email
27 with minutes.
- 28 • Alice-Asked about the sidewalk inventory CVRPC had created and what we plan to use it
29 for and that the town of Waitsfield had been using it for grant applications. Keith-We
30 had shared the data with the State and plan to do gap analysis that will be shared with
31 towns to help prioritize necessary pieces of sidewalk for greater connectivity and food
32 access.
- 33 • Alice also shared the Mad River Path idea of a shared use path along the Route 100
34 corridor connecting Warren, Waitsfield, and Moretown. The director of MRP wants to
35 work within the VTrans Right of Way and is planning a feasibility/scoping study this
36 winter. They have been talking with selectboards and planning commissions trying to

1 get support. Not sure how this will be funded at the town end and the overall cost is
2 currently estimated at around 18 million just for construction. Alan mentioned the
3 conservation and recreation group may be interested in the impacts of this and would
4 like more information. Alice stated she would send along the vision statement from the
5 MRP.
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7 **Adjourn**

- 8 • At 7:22 PM Lee made a motion to adjourn Alice 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
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