



TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE

William B. Emmons, III, Chairman
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

REGIONAL COMMISSION

TRORC Board Meeting

The King Farm, Woodstock, VT
February 26, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jerry Frederickson – Barnard, Nancy Jones - Bradford, Mark Bannon – Braintree, Dee Montie – Brookfield, Carl Pepperman – Chelsea, Frank Roderick – Corinth, Peter Berger - Fairlee, Bruce Riddle – Hartford, Charles Jeffries - Hartland, Frank Tegethoff - Newbury, Jeff Goodrich – Norwich, Anne Brown – Plymouth, Bill Emmons – Pomfret, Larry Straus - Rochester, Paul Haskell – Sharon, Bill Edgerton – Stockbridge, Steve Campbell – Strafford, Tara Bamford – Thetford, Nancy Malmquist – W. Fairlee, Don Bourdon - Woodstock.

Staff: Kevin Geiger, Dee Gish, Samantha Holcomb, Ellie Ray.

Guests: Andrew Winter (Twin Pines Housing Trust), Murray Evans, Ken Gulick.

1. Call To Order/Public Comments:

Chairman Bill Emmons convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Hearing no comments, Chairman Emmons closed the public comments.

2. Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Jerry Frederickson and seconded by Paul Haskell to approve the January minutes. So moved.

3. Acceptance of January Financial Report:

A motion was made by Paul Haskell and seconded by Peter Berger to accept the financial report. So moved.

4. TRORC Strategic Plan Implementation:

Kevin Geiger introduced Andrew Winter, Executive Director of the Twin Pines Housing Trust and noted TRORC's expanding board in certain areas, such as housing, was one of the recommended actions of our Strategic Plan. Mr. Winter gave a description of the purpose and projects of his organization. A motion was made by Larry Straus and seconded by Jerry Frederickson to approve Andrew Winter as an At-Large Board Member. So moved.

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5. TRORC Regional Plan Amendments and Schedule:

Samantha Holcomb and Ellie Ray presented on the proposed updates to the Child Care Services, Relationship of Regional Plan to Neighboring and Agency Plans, and Housing Resources chapters of the Regional Plan; and also presented the draft of the new Flood Resilience chapter. There was much discussion, many comments and recommendations from Commissioners.

A motion was made by Paul Haskell and seconded by Dee Montie to change the Regional Plan update schedule to the following:

March 26, 2014 – Review and approval by Board of draft amendments for first hearing

March 27, 2014 – Draft amendments mailed to statutory parties and other groups

April 28, 2014 – Two preliminary (first) hearings held around the region

Early May – Compilation of comments and revisions as needed

May 28, 2014 – Review comments and incorporation of changes, approval of draft amendments in final form for final hearing

June date TBD – Final hearing

June 25, 2014 – Adoption by full Board

July 30, 2014 – Plan effective date, 35 days after adoption

So moved.

6. Commissioner/Executive Director Items:

Dee Gish gave an update on TRORC Act 250 involvement from December, 2013 to present.

Steve Campbell commented that the TRORC position on the South Strafford bridge replacement project is not popular with residents and asked that TRORC reconsider their position. Steve reported that Strafford residents would like the bridge to be kept narrow to slow traffic, for aesthetic reasons, and to avoid takings issues. Kevin Geiger responded that he will ask Rita Seto to have another site visit to look at the bridge in question.

7. Adjournment – 8:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Frederickson. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at the King Farm, Woodstock, VT

Minutes Prepared By Dee Gish – February 27, 2014