

TRORC Annual Meeting

The King Farm, Woodstock, VT

June 22, 2016 –Annual Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Name	Town	6/22/16	5/25/16	4/27/16	3/23/16	2/24/16	1/20/16
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carl Russell	Bethel	X		X	X		
Nancy Jones	Bradford	X	X	X		X	
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)				X		
Mark Bannon	Braintree			X			X
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater	X			X		X
Dee Montie	Brookfield	X			X		X
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea	X	X	X			X
Frank Roderick	Corinth	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Berger	Fairlee	X	X	X	X		
Mark Belisle	Granville	X	X				X
Monica Collins	Hancock	X		X			
Lori Hirshfield	Hartford	X	X	X		X	
Bruce Riddle	Hartford (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	
Charles Jeffries	Hartland		X	X	X	X	X
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X	X	X	X		X
Jeff Goodrich	Norwich				X		X
Matt Corron	Pittsfield						
Anne Brown	Plymouth		X			X	X
Bill Emmons	Pomfret	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ramsey Papp	Randolph	X			X	X	X
Winston Sadoo	Randolph (Alt)	X	X	X			
Larry Straus	Rochester			X			
David Brandau	Royalton	X					
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X	X	X		X
Peter Anderson	Sharon	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge			X	X		X
Steve Campbell	Strafford		X	X	X		
Mark McElroy	Thetford	X		X	X	X	X
Jim Masland	Thetford (Alt)	X					X
Jim Bulger	Topsham			X		X	
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge	X		X	X		
Bill Baylis	Vershire	X		X			X
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee	X					
Don Bourdon	Woodstock	X	X	X		X	X
Nate Miller	At-Large	X				X	
Jennifer Colby	At-Large	X				X	X
Ken Alton	At-Large	X	X	X			X
Andrew Winter	At-Large						

Staff: Kevin Geiger, Peter Gregory, Dee Gish, Chris Damiani, Tory Levite, Lorelee Morrow, Chris Sargent, Michael Storace, Seth Mason (intern).

Special Guests: Rep. Alison Clarkson; Bob Haynes, GMEDC; Tom Kennedy, SWCRPC; Aaron Little, Stagecoach; Sen. Dick McCormack; Jenny Nelson, Sen. Sanders' office; plus spouses and friends of Commissioners.

1. Call To Order:

Chair Bill Emmons convened the Board meeting at 7:48 p.m. A quorum was declared.

2. Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Dee Montie to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting minutes. So moved.

3. Acceptance of May 2016 Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Mark Belisle and seconded by Jerry Fredrickson to accept the May Financial Reports. So moved.

4. Approval of TRORC's FY17 Budget:

A motion was made by David Brandau and seconded by Peter Berger to approve the TRORC FY17 Budget. Lori Hirshfield asked for brief highlights of the budget. Peter Gregory noted that the FY17 budget is smaller due to the reduction in buyout income. The base budget has remained consistent. All of the income presented in the budget is contracted, but new income sources will likely be added during the year including funding for Town Plan updates related to renewable energy siting. So moved.

5. Election of Officers for FY17:

Chairperson Emmons introduced Carl Russell of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers: Bill Emmons, Chairperson; Jerry Fredrickson, Vice Chairperson; Nancy Jones, Treasurer; David Brandau, Secretary; Nancy Malmquist and Bill Edgerton. There were no nominees from the floor. So moved.

6. Election of Members-At-Large:

A motion was made by Dee Montie and seconded by Frank Roderick to elect Jennifer Colby, Agriculture; Nate Miller, UVLSRPC; Ken Alton, Business; Andrew Winter, Housing – as Members-At-Large. So moved.

7. Scholarship announcement:

Nancy Jones, Chair of the Scholarship Committee reported that 11 scholarship applications were received and that 6 scholarships were awarded to area graduating high school seniors. The Committee was impressed with the students'

accomplishments and community involvement. It was noted that TRORC is the only RPC in the state to offer scholarships.

8. Chairperson/Director Remarks:

Chairperson Emmons thanked TRORC staff and Board members for their commitment and hard work. He recognized the contributions of Paul Haskell and Frank Roderick, who were long-time members of the Executive Committee and are now moving on.

Peter Gregory recognized the legislators in attendance: Rep. Allison Clarkson, Rep. Jim Masland and Sen. Dick McCormack. Peter also recognized Tom Kennedy from SWCRPC, Nate Miller from UVLSRPC, Bob Haynes of GMEDC, Aaron Little of Stagecoach and Jenny Nelson from Senator Sanders' office. Peter also gave special thanks to the Executive Committee and full Board. Peter highlighted some FY16 accomplishments and thanked staff.

9. Presentation from Monica Przyperhart of the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife:

Monica gave a presentation covering the history of forests in Vermont, habitat connectivity, wildlife issues and land development as they relate to forest health and ability to sustain wildlife diversity. Many good questions arose. Monica offered to continue working with TRORC and member towns.

10. Adjournment – 8:53 pm:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes Prepared By Dee Gish – June 23, 2016.