

# TRORC Annual Meeting

The King Farm, Woodstock, VT

## June 28, 2017 –Annual Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Name	Town	6/28/17	5/31/17	4/26/17	3/23/17	2/22/17	1/25/17
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carl Russell	Bethel		X		X	X	
Nancy Jones	Bradford	X	X	X	X		X
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)	X			X		
Malcolm Fitzpatrick	Braintree	X					
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater	X		X	X		X
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield		X	X			
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea	X		X	X		
Tim O'Dell	Corinth	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Berger	Fairlee	X			X		
Mark Belisle	Granville	X	X	X	X		
Monica Collins	Hancock	X		X			
Lori Hirshfield	Hartford	X	X	X			X
Bruce Riddle	Hartford (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charles Jeffries	Hartland	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richard Waddell	Hartland (Alt)						
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X	X	X		X	X
Jeff Goodrich	Norwich	X	X		X		
Herb Kuendig	Pittsfield	X	X				
Anne Brown	Plymouth		X	X	X	X	
Bill Emmons	Pomfret	X	X	X	X	X	
Ramsey Papp	Randolph		X	X	X	X	X
Winston Sadoo	Randolph (Alt)					X	X
Vacant	Rochester						
David Brandau	Royalton				X		
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Anderson	Sharon	X	X		X		X
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge	X	X	X			
Steve Campbell	Strafford	X		X	X		X
Stuart Rogers	Thetford	X	X				
Jim Bulger	Topsham						X
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge				X		X
Bill Baylis	Vershire	X					
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee	X	X		X		X
Don Bourdon	Woodstock	X	X	X			X
Steve Schneider	At-Large	X	X	X			
Jennifer Colby	At-Large	X	X	X		X	X
Ken Alton	At-Large	X	X	X	X		X
Andrew Winter	At-Large	X					

**Staff:** Pete Fellows, Kevin Geiger, Dee Gish, Tory Littlefield, Michael Storace, Ben Wood, Rosalie Geiger, Lauren Kaija, Justin Sheperd.

**Special Guests:** Sen. Alison Clarkson; Sen. Dick McCormack; Rep. Charlie Kimbell; Bob Haynes, GMEDC; George Twigg, Rep. Peter Welch's office; Van Chesnut, Advance Transit; plus spouses and friends of Commissioners.

**1. Call To Order:**

Chair Bill Emmons convened the Board meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was declared.

**2. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Jenn Colby to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

**3. Acceptance of May 2017 Financial Reports:**

A motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Bushrod Powers to accept the May Financial Reports. Accepted.

**4. Approval of TRORC's FY18 Budget:**

A motion was made by Nancy Jones and seconded by Nancy Malmquist to approve the TRORC FY18 Budget. Kevin Geiger noted that FY17 should end with around \$20,000 in the black and that the FY18 budget presented is conservative, with only contracted amounts included in the budget. The FY18 budget includes expenses for one additional staff person. Tim O'Dell asked if the budget includes recruitment costs. Kevin noted that recruitment costs are included as indirect costs and noted that TRORC is interviewing a number of candidates for the Planner position. The FY18 budget was unanimously approved.

**5. Election of Officers for FY18:**

Chairperson Emmons introduced Don Bourdon 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. The slate of FY18 officers, as presented, was unanimously approved.

**6. Election of Members-At-Large:**

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Mark Belisle to elect Jennifer Colby, Agriculture; Steve Schneider, UVLSRPC; Ken Alton, Business; Andrew Winter, Housing – as Members-At-Large. Approved unanimously.

**7. Scholarship announcement:**

Nancy Jones, Chair of the Scholarship Committee reported that 17 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.

**8. Chairperson/Director Remarks:**

Chairman Emmons noted that the approval of the Regional Plan chapters was omitted from the agenda. As per the TRORC bylaws, a special meeting will be called for July 12 at 6:30 pm at the King Farm in Woodstock to discuss and order a vote on the approval of the Regional Plan amendments. Votes will be taken by email or paper ballot. Instructions and a notice will go out to Commissioners soon, with responses requested to go to Dee for tabulation.

Chairperson Emmons thanked TRORC staff and Board members for their commitment and hard work. Mr. Emmons noted that Peter Gregory was not able to attend the Annual Meeting, but read some prepared remarks of thanks from Peter. Sen. Clarkson also noted her thanks to TRORC as good partners and a great resource to Legislators.

Kevin Geiger noted his thanks to two former employees – Chris Sargent and Lorelee Morrow and also expressed thanks to current staff. Kevin then introduced the guest speaker.

**9. Presentation from Pat Moulton, President of Vermont Technical College:**

Ms. Moulton presented some of the history and current trends of Vermont Technical College, stressing the importance of the school to serve the needs of both Vermont students and Vermont employers.

**10. Adjournment – 8:03 pm:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Minutes Prepared By Dee Gish – June 29, 2017.