

# TRORC Board Meeting

Thompson Senior Center, Woodstock, Vermont

## March 28, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Name	Town	3/28/18	2/28/18	1/24/18	12/13/17	10/25/17	9/27/17
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X		X	X
Carl Russell	Bethel			X	X		
Nancy Jones	Bradford			X	X	X	X
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)			X	X	X	
VACANT	Braintree						
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater			X			X
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield	X	X	X	X	X	
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea	X		X		X	X
Tim O'Dell	Corinth	X	X	X		X	X
Peter Berger	Fairlee			X	X		X
Mark Belisle	Granville	X	X	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
Charles Jeffries	Hartland		X	X	X	X	X
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jeff Goodrich	Norwich	X	X	X			
Herb Kuendig	Pittsfield		X				X
Anne Brown	Plymouth		X	X		X	
Bill Emmons	Pomfret	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ramsey Papp	Randolph		X	X	X	X	X
Winston Sadoo	Randolph (Alt)	X		X			X
Anni Mackay	Rochester		X	X	X		
David Brandau	Royalton				X	X	X
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X		X		X	X
Peter Anderson	Sharon			X	X	X	
Deb Jones	Sharon (Alt)		X				X
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge						
Steve Campbell	Strafford	X		X	X	X	X
Stuart Rogers	Thetford	X				X	X
Jim Bulger	Topsham	X	X		X		X
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge			X	X		X
Bill Baylis	Vershire						
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee		X	X	X	X	X
Don Bourdon	Woodstock	X		X	X		X
Steve Schneider	At-Large	X	X	X		X	X
Jennifer Colby	At-Large		X		X		
Ken Alton	At-Large	X		X			X
Andrew Winter	At-Large		X	X		X	

**Staff:** Kimberly Gilbert, Dee Gish, Peter Gregory, Tory Littlefield, Rita Seto.

**Guests:** none

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Bill Emmons convened the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was declared after roll call. No public comments were received.

**2. Approval of February 28, 2018 TRORC Board Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Mark Belisle to approve the February Board Minutes. Unanimously approved.

**3. Acceptance of the February, 2018 TRORC Financial Reports:**

A motion was made by Don Bourdon and seconded by Jim Bulger to accept the February financial reports. Steve Campbell asked what was "deferred revenue" as shown on the balance sheet. Peter described how a grant from High Meadows Fund was paid in advance and incurred costs will be applied later. Accepted unanimously.

**4. TRORC FY 20 Transportation Capital Project Prioritization:**

Rita Seto presented a power point describing the transportation project priorities as voted on at the last Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. She noted that this is a slight change from the handouts received in Commissioner's mailing, since the TAC meeting was postponed due to weather, before the mailing was sent out. The changes are seen in items #9-13. These lists will be posted on the TRORC website. A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Stuart Rogers to approve the TRORC region Capital Transportation Project Priorities list. Unanimously approved. A motion was made by Don Bourdon and seconded by Bushrod Powers to accept the Town Highway Bridge pre-candidate list. Unanimously approved.

Rita also announced the 2018 Vermont Walk/Bike Summit on Friday, May 4 in White River Junction. Flyers were made available. Peter noted the great effort Rita has put into organizing this state-wide event.

**5. TRORC Regional Plan Historical, Cultural and Scenic Resources Chapter (Part 2) and Utilities, Facilities and Services Chapter Review discussion:**

Kimberly Gilbert led the discussion of the Historical, Cultural, Archaeological, and Scenic Resources chapter, beginning on page 8. There was a good deal of discussion regarding the listing of scenic areas that began on page 12. A consensus was reached to remove the list from the chapter. Bruce Riddle suggested taking photographs of many of the region's scenic areas to act as a historical record. These photos can be put on the TRORC website. Kim noted that section E. Scenic Values and Telecommunications Facilities, has been moved to the Utilities and Facilities chapter. It

was noted that on page 24., line 34 recommending "low pressure sodium lamps" should be changed to energy efficient "LED lighting." Lori Hirshfield asked if more feedback on this chapter can be received? Peter noted that TRORC will have working sessions with the general public and that, yes, more comments will be accepted on this chapter.

Tory Littlefield began the discussion of the Utilities, Facilities and Services chapter of the Regional Plan. Tory noted that a major goal of the Regional Plan update effort was to reduce the amount of unnecessary background information. Jim Bulger was pleased to see that the chapter addressed how all communities are different. Bill Emmons questioned why on page 11, line 11 the word "currently" was added. Peter noted that through shared services agreements, TRORC may have a role in maintaining some utilities and facilities in the future. Bill Emmons also noted he would get grammatical corrections to staff for incorporation. Bruce Riddle noted that on page 2, line 7, it should read "modernizing or replacing aging infrastructure." Frank Tegethoff suggested that the word "Controversial" be removed from line 10 on page 3. Jim Bulger noted that some towns do not have the physical space to build facilities in growth areas. Peter agreed and noted that it is difficult to imagine all of the scenarios when writing a Plan. Tim O'Dell suggested changing "shall" to "should" on line 23, page 3, and perhaps moving Policy 6 to Recommendations. Tim also suggested that any time the Plan notes "required by law", as on line 10, page 4, that a citation of the law be included. Bruce Riddle questioned the conclusions in lines 29-31 on page 4. Tory will re-word those sentences. Bruce Riddle and Lori Hirshfield questioned the information presented on lines 24 and 24 on page 5. Tory will check to see if there is extra capacity of wastewater treatment facilities. There were questions regarding Policy 4 on page 9, and it was agreed to remove that policy. Bruce Riddle also noted the need for regular water testing and a plea not to ignore water quality in Vermont. Peter noted that a water quality policy will be added. Tim O'Dell suggested that, in light of the New Visitas proposed development, that the words "appropriately scaled" be added to line 9, suggestion 10 on page 10. Tory will add a definition of "appropriately scaled." A discussion of the Solid Waste section, page 13 was begun. Bruce Riddle noted that many low-income residents cannot afford and do not have access to solid waste disposal, and the chapter should address this. Peter agreed, but noted that TRORC cannot solve this issue ourselves. The solid waste districts work directly with the Vermont legislature on these issues.

Peter Gregory noted staff will work to make some changes to the language and that, due to time constraints, will pick up with the Solid Waste discussion through the end of that chapter, at the next meeting, April 25, 2018.

#### **6. Staff/Commissioner Updates:**

Peter and Tory noted that town Local Emergency Operations Plans are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **7. Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.  
Minutes prepared by Dee Gish 3/30/18.