

TRORC Board Meeting December 19, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

Barnard Inn, Barnard, Vermont

Attendance:

Name	Town	12/19/18	10/31/18	9/25/18	6/27/18	5/23/18	4/25/18
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carl Russell	Bethel	X	X	X			
Nancy Jones	Bradford	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)	X	X	X			
VACANT	Braintree						
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater	X	X		X		
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield	X		X	X		
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea			X	X	X	
Tim O'Dell	Corinth	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Berger	Fairlee	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Belisle	Granville	X		X	X		X
Monica Collins	Hancock				X		
Lori Hirshfield	Hartford	X		X	X	X	X
Bruce Riddle	Hartford (Alt)	X	X	X	X		X
Charles Jeffries	Hartland	X	X	X	X	X	X
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury		X	X	X	X	X
Jeff Goodrich	Norwich						
Herb Kuendig	Pittsfield			X	X		X
Anne Brown	Plymouth		X	X			X
Bill Emmons	Pomfret	X	X	X	X	X	X
Phil Dechert	Pomfret (Alt)	X	X	X			
Ramsey Papp	Randolph	X	X	X	X		X
Winston Sadoo	Randolph (Alt)				X		X
Anni Mackay	Rochester	X	X	X	X	X	
Doon Hinderyckx	Rochester (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	
David Brandau	Royalton		X		X		X
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Anderson	Sharon	X	X	X	X		X
Deb Jones	Sharon (Alt)						
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge						
John Echeverria	Strafford	X			X	X	X
Stuart Rogers	Thetford			X			X
Jim Bulger	Topsham			X			
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge				X	X	
Kevin Rose	Tunbridge (Alt)	X	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	X	X
Jennifer Colby	At-Large			X	X		
Ken Alton	At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent McFarland	At-Large			X	X		
Andrew Winter	At-Large			X	X	X	X

Staff: Pete Fellows, Kevin Geiger, Kim Gilbert, Dee Gish, Paige Greenfield, Peter Gregory, Tory Littlefield, Jessica Richter, Rita Seto, Sarah Wraight
Guests: Julie Campoli, Mike Papp

1. Call to Order and Public Comments:

Chair Jerry Fredrickson convened the Board Meeting at 6:09 p.m. A quorum was declared after roll call. There were no public comments.

2. Sustainable Transportation Vermont:

Julie Campoli from Sustainable Transportation Vermont gave a presentation on sustainable transportation and avoiding sprawl. Julie asked "What would a sustainable transportation system look like?" She noted that Vermonters drive around 7 billion miles per year. If every car on the road were an electric vehicle, there would be no incentive to change the transportation systems that rely on single occupancy vehicle travel. A sustainable transportation system would 1. Create more proximity/density and 2. Rely on shared vehicles, public transit, walkability and biking. Julie recommends changing zoning rules to end the cycle of density and transit. Commissioner questions included the use of school buses for public transit, how to solve the entrenched auto and car infrastructure industry problem, and connecting commuter rail lines with public busses.

3. Approval of October 31, 2018 TRORC Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Peter Anderson and Seconded by Nancy Jones to approve the October minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Acceptance of October and November TRORC Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Peter Berger to accept the October and November financial reports. Peter Gregory noted that the accounts receivables were under control and that the home buyout contract #1 is closing out at the end of the month. TRORC has received new contracts for planning work. Financial reports were unanimously accepted.

5. Two Rivers-Otttauquechee Regional Foundation funding:

Peter Gregory reported that the Foundation received the IRS's 501(c)3 designation and the Executive Committee recommends seeding the Foundation with \$40,000 of TRORC reserve money for staff to charge to seek grants. A motion was made by Mark Belisle and seconded by Peter Anderson to seed the Foundation with \$40,000 of TRORC reserve funds. Unanimously approved. Peter Gregory noted the TRORF will convene in January.

6. TRORC Brownfields Program:

Kevin Geiger reported that Sarah Wraight and Paige Greenfield are working on a new application for EPA Brownfield funding. TRORC is currently working on an area-wide look at brownfields sites in downtown Hartford. Commissioners can contact TRORC if

they think of potential brownfields sites. Kevin noted that part of the public process is Board acknowledgement that TRORC is seeking new brownfields funding. TRORC is required to do outreach. Kevin reported the funding will probably be at the \$300,000 level if received. A motion was made by Lori Hirshfield and seconded by Peter Berger authorizing TRORC to apply for new brownfields funding. Board unanimously approved the proposed application.

7. Staff/Commissioner Updates:

Peter reported that the Act 250 Next 50 years Commission that he has been serving on will soon release their final report. Proposed changes to Act 250 include changes to criteria on climate and forest fragmentation as well as strengthened local and regional planning relating to settlement patterns. The Commission also recommended setting up a tiered system of jurisdiction between settled areas and critical resource areas. The report and any proposed changes to Act 250 will be debated in legislative committees before becoming law. Peter will send a link to the final Report once filed.

Peter reported that legislative initiatives in the upcoming session include water project implementation and energy bills. Peter will also work toward having RPCs receive the full funding as legislated from the property transfer tax. For many years, this funding has been diverted away from RPCs and municipalities to the state's general fund. Peter will send Commissioners a spreadsheet documenting the diversion since 2001.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd at the Thompson Senior Center, Woodstock.

Adjourn:

Bill Emmons made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dee Gish 1/4/19.