

**TRORC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**TRORC Offices
Woodstock, VT**

April 10, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Jerry Fredrickson, Chair, Bill Emmons, Vice Chair, Nancy Jones, Treasurer, Nancy Malmquist, Bill Edgerton, Peter G. Gregory, Executive Director, Kevin Geiger, Senior Planner, Pete Fellows, GIS Manager, and Dee Gish, Finance Manager and Special Projects

1. Call to Order and Public Comment:

Chair Fredrickson convened the meeting at 3:14 p.m. A quorum was declared by the Chair. No members of the public were present.

2. Acceptance of the unaudited March, 2019 Financial Reports:

Gregory and Committee members reviewed the details for the month of March 2019. Gregory noted that the receivables will increase in April as quarterly invoices are sent out. Jones asked why Transportation Equipment expenses were high and why only \$4k has been expended for scholarships. Gregory noted that field work equipment needed to be replaced, and one student requested, and was granted, an extension for his scholarship award. On a motion made by Emmons seconded by Edgerton, the March Financial Report was accepted as presented.

3. Land Use Chapter and Forest-Based Resources Map:

Fellows led the discussion on proposed Land Use area changes and explained that Industrial and Mixed-Use Area Land Use categories were added. Fellows highlighted the Land Use changes in affected towns. Edgerton requested that the color coding be more differentiated. Emmons noted that adding landmarks to the maps would be helpful. Edgerton asked about the process of how TRORC consulted with towns regarding designations and mapping and suggested Commissioners be notified of these changes in advance to avoid surprises. Gregory noted that a policy exists for town consultations on land use changes, and that TRORC staff has been consulting with towns on Land Use for over two years. Fredrickson would like town outreach efforts documented. Gregory confirmed that we do have that record. Geiger reviewed the Conservation and Forest-Based Resources Area maps and gave a power point presentation explaining Forest-Based Resource mapping, noting the critical areas for forest connectivity in the region are Barnard and Pomfret. Edgerton again noted his desire that Commissioners are well

informed and advised on Land Use changes to avoid surprises and remaining consistent with town understanding. Gregory offered to send letters to Commissioners explaining the process and alerting them to Land Use changes. The mailing will include the policy, maps and a cover memo. Edgerton requested that abbreviations be avoided on maps to avoid confusion. Jones and others suggested a short fact sheet on the importance of habitat connectivity be included in Commissioner mailing.

Due to time constraints, the Land Use chapter was not discussed. Discussion will move to full Board meeting on April 24.

4. TRORC Bylaws:

Due to time constraints, proposed Bylaw changes will be discussed at the May meeting.

5. TRORC Solar Decision:

Gish reported on the proposals received to date and recommended working with Green Lantern for a power purchase agreement for King Farm electricity. Staff will notify them and a contract will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at the May meeting.

6. Outstanding Resource Water discussion:

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed. Jess Richter will make a presentation at the May meeting.

7. TRORC Annual Meeting Speaker and Nominating Committee:

Gregory reported that staff suggested having an area micro-brewer be the annual meeting speaker, to represent the region's creative economy. The Nominating Committee will be discussed and appointed at the May meeting.

8. Community Award discussion:

Gregory put forward the idea of a Community Award to highlight a town working hard in partnership with the community, Selectboard and non-profits to enhance the quality of life in their town. Draft criteria for the award will come soon for review.

9. TRORC Executive Committee as Award Review Panel?:

Gregory asked if the Executive Committee could serve as the awards review panel. Fredrickson would like Gregory and Gish to suggest 2 or 3 Commissioners to serve in this regard.

10. April Full Board Meeting agenda review:

Due to time constraints, the agenda review was not conducted.

11. Legislative, Project, and Staff updates:

Due to time constraints, updates were not given.

12. Executive Session:

No Executive Session was needed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Meeting Minutes prepared by:
Dee Gish, Finance Manager April 15, 2019.