



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Date 5/9/19

Location Bethel Town Hall

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Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday May 9, 2019

Bethel Town Hall, 9:30am – 11:00am

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Jerry Fredrickson	X	Hancock	Monica Collins		Royalton	Rose Hemond	
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Hannah Tyler Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Deb Jones	X
Bradford	Nancy Jones Phil Page		Hartland	Dave Ormiston	X	Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer	X	Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Jon Mackinnon	X
Bridgewater	Randy Kennedy		Norwich	Larry Wiggins Herb Durfee		Thetford	Stuart Rogers	X
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Kent Gilman	X	Plymouth	-		Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret	Frank Perron		Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed		Randolph	Bill Morgan		West Fairlee	-	
Granville	-		Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Michael Brands	X
At-Large Members								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans		Matthew Langham		X
Stagecoach	Jim Moulton			VTrans D4 VTrans D7		Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Shauna Clifford		
Vital Communities	Bethany Fleishman Paige Heverly			Vermont Local Roads		Todd Eaton		

Guests: Toni Pippy, Strafford Selectboard, Mike Parisio, VT Forests, Parks & Rec

- 1. Introductions** – Kent called meeting to order 9:36am.
- 2. Approval of Mar. 14 Minutes** – Bill Hall moved to approve. Stuart Rogers 2nd. All approved.
- 3. Emerald Ash Borer: Impacts to Ash Trees and to Municipalities** – *Mike Parisio, VT Forests, Parks & Rec*

Mike presented on the Emerald Ash Borer reviewing the history of EAB, the life cycle, ash tree identification, management practices, detection efforts and town planning/management efforts. Towns using their conservation commission have been inventorying trees with assistance from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry using an iPad app that was developed. This can help with future town planning and financial investment. Either towns have trees removed (before the ash trees die) or treat them. TRORC staff can take the GPS points and map them for the town once the inventory data has been collected. Towns were asking how other places like Detroit and the State of New York that have been heavily affected by EAB have recovered? Rita will follow up with Elise.



4. **Emergency Relief Assistance Funds refresher/Federal Aid Secondary Roads**

Rita quickly reviewed the ERAF requirements as towns are fresh from the April flooding events and touched upon the Town Road and Bridge Standards and the town's Local Emergency Management Plans which should be updated now (through Tory at TRORC). Rita also refreshed the group on the Federal Aid Secondary Roads designation and passed a regional map showing each town's Class 2 classifications.

5. Other business

- Better Roads awards have yet to be announced – tabled until next meeting (still no announcement)
- Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Year 3 & Equipment Grant
Rita reviewed the grant program and told towns to anticipate a similar town allocation for the upcoming month. A new addition is the equipment grant where a town in the White or Ottauquechee watershed would be eligible to apply for a piece of equipment that could assist with complying with MRGP. Rita showed list of possible equipment types so towns can start planning. Towns must get Year 2 construction completed by June 30, 2019.
- VTrans Bike Ped Grant – just announced – deadline June 28, 2019 – towns interested in application assistance to email Rita.
- VTrans Municipal Highway & Stormwater Mitigation Grant – this will get announced before our next meeting – Rita reviewed the grant eligibility requirements and outlined the expectations and project timeline. Rita also offered application assistance to towns.

6. Meeting adjourned 11:15am

Next meeting:

Thursday July 11, 2019 – 9:30am

Municipal Bridge Maintenance & Management

- o A town's legal management responsibilities
- o An explanation of the state's inspection program, process and reports. vtculverts.org
- o Safety related to bridge maintenance, working over water, dust, lead, and paint
- o Routine maintenance practices, cleaning, deck and structure
- o Weight limits, posting, enforcement, signage