

# TRORC Board Meeting

Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, Vermont

## December 11, 2019 – Board Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Name	Town	12/11/19	10/30/19	9/25/19	8/21/19	6/27/19	5/22/19	4/24/19
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Paul Vallee	Bethel		X	X				
Nancy Jones	Bradford		X	X		X	X	X
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)	X	X	X			X	
Vacant	Braintree							
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater	X					X	
Gwynn Zakov	Brookfield	X	X	X	X			
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield (Alt.)					X	X	X
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea	X	X	X	X	X		X
Kent Gilman	Chelsea (Alt.)		X	X				
Tim O'Dell	Corinth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Berger	Fairlee				X	X	X	X
Mark Belisle	Granville	X			X			
Monica Collins	Hancock					X	X	X
Lori Hirshfield	Hartford		X	X		X	X	X
Bruce Riddle	Hartford (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charles Jeffries	Hartland	X	X		X			X
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rod Francis	Norwich	X	X	X	X		X	
Sarah Gallagher	Pittsfield		X	X				
Anne Brown	Plymouth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bill Emmons	Pomfret		X	X	X	X		X
Phil Dechert	Pomfret (Alt)	X	X	X			X	X
Ramsey Papp	Randolph		X	X		X		X
Gary Dir	Randolph (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Anni Mackay	Rochester	X	X			X		
Doon Hinderyckx	Rochester (Alt)	X	X			X		
David Brandau	Royalton		X	X	X	X		
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X		X	X	X	X
Peter Anderson	Sharon	X	X		X		X	X
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge				X			X
John Echeverria	Strafford	X	X	X		X	X	X
Stuart Rogers	Thetford		X		X	X	X	X
Jim Masland	Thetford (Alt)				X	X		
Jim Bulger	Topsham		X					
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge		X			X	X	X
Kevin Rose	Tunbridge (Alt)	X			X	X		X
Bill Baylis	Vershire					X		
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee	X	X	X	X		X	
Don Bourdon	Woodstock	X	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
Vacant - Conservation	At-Large							
Beth Long	At-Large	X	X	X	X	X		
Meg Emmons	At-Large		X	X		X		

**Staff:** Pete Fellows, Kevin Geiger, Kim Gilbert, Peter Gregory, Lori Kay, Tory Littlefield, Jessica Richter, Rita Seto

**Guests:** Jared Duvall, Energy Action Network

**1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Public Comments:**

Chair Jerry Fredrickson convened the Board Meeting at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was declared after roll call. There were no public comments.

**2. Public Hearing on Town Plan Approvals and Confirmation of Planning Efforts for Granville and Corinth:**

Jessica Richter reviewed the Granville Town Plan and provided comments on the draft plan. She noted that significant improvements were recognized. TRORC staff recommends approval of the Granville Town Plan.

Tory Littlefield reviewed the Corinth Town Plan. She commented that there were significant changes from the 2012 version of the Town Plan. TRORC staff recommends approval of the Corinth Town Plan.

Commissioner O'Dell commented to the Board how helpful TRORC, and Tory Littlefield in particular, were in getting the plan adopted.

Public hearing closed at 6:10 by Chair Fredrickson.

**3. Public Hearing – Issuance of Determination of Energy Compliance for Corinth Town Plan:**

Kevin Geiger reviewed the Energy Compliance section of the Corinth Town Plan. He noted that the town has met the energy standards and included them in the Corinth Town Plan.

Chair Fredrickson closed the Public Hearing at 6:12.

**4. Energy Action Network (EAN presentation):**

Jared Duvall, Executive Director of EAN, provided a presentation on EAN's online resources – the Vermont Energy Dashboard and their Community Progress Maps tool. Jared followed up his presentation with a question and answer session with the meeting attendees.

**5. Granville and Corinth Town Plan approvals:**

A motion was made by Don Bourdon and seconded by Bushrod Powers to approve the Town Plan for Granville. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Frank Tegethoff to approve the Town Plan for Corinth. Unanimously approved.

**6. Determination of Energy Compliance of Corinth Town Plan approval:**

A motion was made by Anne Brown and seconded by John Echeverria to approve the Determination of Energy Compliance for Corinth. Unanimously approved.

**7. Approval of TRORC Board Minutes – October 30, 2019:**

A motion was made by Rod Francis and was seconded by Bushrod Powers to approve the October 30 Board minutes. Unanimously approved.

**8. Acceptance of the October and November 2019 TRORC Financial Reports:**

Peter Gregory provided a summary of TRORC's financial activity, noting that all town dues have now been paid, that TRORC's Indirect Cost Rate proposal for FY21 has been approved by VTrans, and that the 2014 Brownfields grant has been successfully closed out.

A motion was made by Ken Alton and seconded by Mark Belisle to accept the October and November 2019 Financial Reports. Unanimously accepted.

**9. Staff/Commissioner Updates:**

- a) Regional Plan – TRORC will be scheduling meetings with Bradford, Hartford and Topsham after January 1.
- b) Legislative Preview – Peter Gregory outlined various activities expected in the next several months including voting on the Act 250 bill and additional funds for towns for water and road-related water projects, increased interest in energy and climate issues, and plans for a housing bill being brought forward by the legislature.
- c) TRORC Projects – TRORC is participating in a Housing Study with other Regional Commissions. TRORC is in the process of hiring consultants to work on additional Brownfields assessments. TRORC is assisting towns with 17 grants application for the latest Better Roads funding initiative.
- d) Commissioner Items – Peter Anderson shared news of the Town of Sharon's recent funding proposal to purchase an infrared gun that can be loaned out to residents through the Sharon Library. The infrared gun can be used to check for energy loss in their homes.

**Adjourn:**

Bushnell Powers made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

Minutes prepared by Lori Kay 12/12/19.