



**Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday March 12, 2020

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		
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Hannah Tyler Matt Osborn		Sharon	Deb Jones	X
Bradford	Nancy Jones Phil Page		Hartland	Dave Ormiston		Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer		Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Toni Pippi	
Bridgewater			Norwich	Larry Wiggins Herb Durfee		Thetford	Stuart Rogers	
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Kent Gilman	X	Plymouth	-		Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed		Randolph			West Fairlee	-	
Granville	-		Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Michael Brands	
<b>At-Large Members</b>								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans		Katharine Otto		X
Stagecoach	Jim Moulton			VTrans D4 VTrans D7		Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Shauna Clifford		
Vital Communities	Bethany Fleishman			Vermont Local Roads		Todd Eaton		

Guests: Peter Gregory, TRORC

- 1. Introductions** – Kent called meeting to order 9:37am.
- No additions.
- 3. Approval of November Minutes** – tabled to next meeting – no quorum.
- 4. FY22 Project Prioritization / FY22 Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate** - Rita  
 Rita reviewed the overall project prioritization process, presented the current ranked project list for FY2022, the status of each project and project description. A couple of changes since the draft project list was sent out to towns/TAC. 1)#9 Hartford US4/US5 HSIP was originally missing from the list – it was added back on. 2) Bradford Old Creamery Bridge was removed after discussing with the town road foreman and VTrans project engineer that it finished construction this fall. The group was in consensus of the ranking of the projects presented.



Rita reviewed the top 10 town highway bridge pre-candidate list and discussed the bridge description. Since Stockbridge B35 was last year's #1 priority and moved onto the capital list, many of the other projects shifted up in priority. Last year's #2 Hancock Texas Falls bridge moved down to #9 as the Town did some repairs. The town is also considering discontinuing the road and transferring ownership to the US Forest Service. The group was in consensus of the presented town highway bridges as pre-candidates.

Rita will present these final lists to the TRORC Board meeting – scheduled for March 25, 2020 (although that may change with the current Covid19 situation). VTrans extended their submission deadline from March 31 to April 30.

#### 5. **Other business**

- VTrans E&D Survey work

Rita presented on the recent survey work that TRORC completed with the E&D Transportation Partners. The partners include Stagecoach, Thompson Senior Center, Scotland House Adult Day, Bugbee Senior Center, Central VT Council on Aging, Senior Solutions, Gifford Adult Day, Clara Martin Center, Upper Valley Services and Oxbow Senior Independence Program. Working with VTrans and partners, TRORC distributed over 300 surveys to clients/riders to gauge initial feedback on how the transportation provider (Stagecoach/Thompson/Bugbee) is doing and what could be improved. Rita presented some of the initial survey results. VTrans will present on the Statewide survey results later this spring. This will help open discussion on what's working well, what can be improved, and what policies might be derived to promote standardized service.

- DEC Municipal Grants in Aid Year 3/Equipment Grant

Rita reported that all towns participating have their scope of work defined and have a tight deadline of June 30 construction and paperwork completed. Rita's hoping to work with towns as best as she can to get done early June. Rita displayed a map showing the towns that participated in the equipment grant. This will be distributed to town road foreman to share equipment.

#### 6. **Meeting adjourned 11:30am**

*Next meeting on Thursday May 14, 2020, Norwich Tracy Hall (tentative at this time with the Covid19 situation).*