

TRORC Annual Meeting

King Farm, Woodstock, Vermont

June 26, 2019 – Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Name	Town	6/27/19	5/22/19	4/24/19	3/27/19	2/27/19	12/19/18
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vacant	Bethel					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
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield	X	X	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
Mark Belisle	Granville				X	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
Charles Jeffries	Hartland			X	X	X	X
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X		X	X	X	
Rod Francis	Norwich		X				
Vacant	Pittsfield						
Anne Brown	Plymouth	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				
Anni Mackay	Rochester	X					X
Doon Hinderyckx	Rochester (Alt)	X					X
David Brandau	Royalton	X			X		
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X	X	X		X
Peter Anderson	Sharon		X	X	X	X	X
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge			X			
John Echeverria	Strafford	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stuart Rogers	Thetford	X	X	X	X	X	
Jim Masland	Thetford (Alt)	X					
Jim Bulger	Topsham					X	
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge	X	X	X	X	X	
Kevin Rose	Tunbridge (Alt)	X		X	X		X
Bill Baylis	Vershire	X					
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee		X		X	X	X
Don Bourdon	Woodstock			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
Vacant - Conservation	At-Large						
Beth Long	At-Large	X					
Meg Emmons	At-Large	X					

Staff: Pete Fellows, Kevin Geiger, Kimberly Gilbert, Dee Gish, Peter Gregory, Paige Greenfield, Victoria Littlefield, Scott Reigel, Jess Richter, Rita Seto, Sarah Wraight

Guests: Special guests included Senator Dick McCormack; Erica Campbell, Assistant to Senator Bernie Sanders; Hartland Town Manager David Ormiston; and other guests of Commissioners.

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

Chair Jerry Fredrickson convened the Annual Meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was declared after roll call. There were no public comments.

2. Approval of 2018 TRORC Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Frank Tegethoff and seconded by Bill Emmons to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Unanimously approved.

3. Acceptance of the May, 2019 TRORC Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Nancy Jones and seconded by Frank Tegethoff to accept the May financial reports. Accepted unanimously.

4. Approval of TRORC's FY 20 Budget:

A motion was made by Peter Berger and seconded by Stuart Rogers to approve TRORC's FY 20 balanced Budget of \$2,167,108. Peter Gregory noted that the proposed budget is similar to last year and includes a portion of the newly awarded \$300,000 of EPA Brownfields funding, a 3% increase in Transportation funding and flat Agency of Commerce and Community Development funding. Approved unanimously.

5. Adoption of TRORC Bylaws:

Peter Gregory noted that the proposed Bylaws changes include clarifications to shared services, alternate Commissioner voting clarification, two additional At-Large Commissioners (Youth and Health), Foundation management, and the number of required meetings. A motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Bill Emmons to adopt the TRORC Bylaws. Unanimously adopted.

6. Election of Officers for FY 20:

Anne Brown, of the Nominating Committee, read the proposed slate of officers: Jerry Fredrickson, Chair; Bill Emmons, Vice-Chair; Nancy Jones, Treasurer; David Brandau, Secretary; Nancy Malmquist, Member; Bill Edgerton, Member. A motion was made by Bushrod Powers and seconded by Stuart Rogers to approve the slate of officers. Unanimously approved.

7. Vote to Elect At-Large Members for FY 20:

Anne Brown announced the proposed At-Large members: Jennifer Colby, Agriculture; Ken Alton, Business; Beth Long, Housing; Steve Schneider, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and Meg Emmons, Youth. Anne noted two At-Large vacancies: Conservation and Public Health. A motion was made by Bill Emmons and seconded by Michael Sacca to elect the At-Large members. Unanimously approved.

8. Scholarship Awards announcement:

Nancy Jones announced the 9 recipients of the 2019 and one deferred TRORC Scholarship. Nancy noted that there were twelve applicants this year, and each of the scholarship awards were well deserved.

9. Volunteer of the year Award presentation:

Jerry Fredrickson introduced Tad Nunzez, Fairlee Town Administrator to help present the first TRORC Volunteer of the Year Award to Peter Berger of Fairlee. Peter was presented with a beautiful, locally-made piece of art as a token of TRORC's appreciation of what Peter does as a volunteer.

10. Chair and Director Remarks:

Jerry Fredrickson thanked TRORC Commissioners and guests for their attendance at the Annual Meeting and for their efforts over the past year. Peter Gregory thanked B&W Caterers and the Quechee Pizza Chef and bartender for the Annual Meeting's meal and libations. Peter then thanked attendees for coming, the TRORC Board of Directors and the TRORC Executive Committee for their dedication. Peter also thanked TRORC staff and highlighted Tory Littlefield's Masters Degree, Kimberly Gilbert's AICP certification accomplishment, Sarah Wright being appointed to NADO's Transportation Advisory Committee, and Tory Littlefield's upcoming appointment by the Governor to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

11. Presentation:

Chris Perry of Upper Pass Beer Company described the history of the company, highlighting current efforts to expand with new beer flavors and equipment, and took questions from the audience.

Adjourn:

Peter Berger made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dee Gish 6/27/19