



Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 10, 2021

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Hartford Town Hall / Zoom Conference Call

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Jerry Fredrickson	X	Hancock	Monica Collins	X	Royalton	Victoria Paquin	
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 Lisa Bragg	X X
Bridgewater			Norwich	Rod Francis		Thetford	Bryan Gazda	
Brookfield	Kathryn Threlkeld		Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Mary Ellen Parkman		Plymouth			Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed Tad Nunez	X X	Randolph			West Fairlee	-	
Granville	-		Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Neil Leiter	
At-Large Members								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans Planning Coordinator		Katharine Otto/Matthew Arancio		X
Tri-Valley Transit	Jim Moulton Jade McClallen Mike Reiderer			VTrans D4 VTrans D7		Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Shauna Clifford		
Vital Communities	Aaron Brown			Vermont Local Roads		Todd Eaton		X

Guests: Peter Gregory, TRORC,

- 1. Introductions** – Smith called meeting to order 9:31am (Deb Jones, Chair arrived 10:00am). Rita introduced Matthew Arancio who is replacing Katharine Otto as our VTrans Planning Coordinator.
- 2. Additions to Agenda and Public Comments** – none
- 3. Approval of September 10 Minutes** – Bill Hall moved to approve. Bob Moyer seconded. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Town Highway Staffing** – Todd Eaton, Vermont Local Roads and Rita Seto, TRORC



Todd and Rita presented on town highway staffing issues being faced by municipalities statewide. Rita noted 19/30 (63%) towns had road foreman and/or town crew staffing turnover in the last 5 years. Discussion items included turnover factors, greater burden of the job administratively and on OSHA/VOSHA safety, pay scale and training options. Todd walked through a typical job ad for road foreman and recommended improvements like adding pay scale, compelling descriptions of intrinsic benefits to the job as well as broader advertising strategies. Really interactive discussion and TAC members asked VLR of training for Selectboards/Road Commissioners, Road Foreman and road crew. Rita will pull together a list with Todd for distribution.

5. Other business

- VTrans Better Roads – Rita reminded towns the annual grant that typically is announced in the Fall – Cat Bs ditching \$20,000, Cat Ds large culverts >36" - \$60,000. When Rita is visiting towns for the Grants in Aid Year 4 post construction and Year 5 pre-construction site visits, she'll coordinate with the road foreman and scope out projects need for grant applications.

Meeting adjourned 11:08am

Next meeting on Thursday January 6, 2022

2022 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:

March 10 / May 12 / July 14 / September 8 / November 10