

**TRORC Board Meeting – Zoom Meeting
February 23, 2022 – Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Name	Town	2/24/21	4/28/21	5/26/21	6/23/21	9/22/21	12/15/21	2/23/22	
Jerry Fredrickson	Barnard	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Steve Cota	Barnard (Alt)								
Paul Vallee	Bethel	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Carl Russell	Bethel (Alt)								
Nancy Jones	Bradford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Marcey Carver	Bradford (Alt)		X		X			X	
Marlys Eddy	Braintree							X	
Lynne Bertram	Bridgewater								
Gwynn Zakov	Brookfield		X	X	X	X		X	
Jon Binhammer	Brookfield (Alt.)	X							
Carl Pepperman	Chelsea	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Tim O'Dell	Corinth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Peter Berger	Fairlee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mark Belisle	Granville				X		X		
Monica Collins	Hancock	X		X	X	X			
Lori Hirshfield	Hartford		X		X	X			
Bruce Riddle	Hartford (Alt)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Charles Jeffries	Hartland		X	X	X	X	X	X	
David Ormiston	Hartland		X	X		X	X		
Frank Tegethoff	Newbury	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Scott	Newbury (Alt.)								
Rod Francis	Norwich	X	X						
Jeff Lubell	Norwich (Alt.)		X	X	X	X		X	
Sarah Gallagher	Pittsfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Anne Brown	Plymouth							X	
Jim Allen	Plymouth (Alt.)								
Bill Emmons	Pomfret	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Phil Dechert	Pomfret (Alt)		X	X	X		X	X	
Ramsey Papp	Randolph	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gary Dir	Randolph (Alt)	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Anni Mackay	Rochester	X	X	X			X	X	
Doon Hinderyckx	Rochester (Alt)	X	X	X			X	X	
David Brandau	Royalton	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Bushrod Powers	Royalton (Alt)	X	X	X	X		X	X	

Ira Clark	Sharon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Deborah Jones	Sharon (Alt.)								
Bill Edgerton	Stockbridge								
John Echeverria	Strafford		X	X	X		X	X	
Jesse Anderson	Thetford	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jim Masland	Thetford (Alt)			X					
Jim Clark	Topsham								
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge		X	X				X	
Kevin Rose	Tunbridge (Alt)			X				X	
Bill Baylis	Vershire								
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Don Bourdon	Woodstock	X		X		X	X		
Brad Prescott	Woodstock (Alt)					X			
Meghan Butts	At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jennifer Colby	At-Large						X		
Ken Alton	At-Large		X	X		X	X		
Dan Rudell	At-Large						X		
Andrew Winter	At-Large	X	X	X		X		X	
Meg Emmons	At-Large	X	X			X	X		

Guests: Members of the Bradford Conservation Commission

Staff: Peter Gregory, Lori Kay, Kevin Geiger, Sage Doviak, Tory Littlefield, Geoff Martin

Note: The meeting was chaired by Board Vice Chair Bill Emmons as Board Chair Jerry Fredrickson was unable to attend the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Approval of the Agenda, Roll Call, and Public Comments:

The meeting opened at 6:31 p.m. A quorum after roll call was declared. No changes to the agenda were made. There were no comments from the public.

2. Public Hearing – proposed Tunbridge Town Plan and Tunbridge Confirmation

No comments were made during the public hearing. Commissioner Bill Emmons closed the public hearing.

3. Public Hearing –Tunbridge Determination of Energy Compliance

No comments were made during the public hearing. Commissioner Bill Emmons closed the public hearing.

4. Tunbridge Town Plan Approval, Tunbridge Confirmation of Planning Effort, Determination of Energy Compliance

On a motion by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Tunbridge Town Plan was approved.

Planner Sage Doviak provided an overview of the 2021 version of the Tunbridge Town Plan noting updates to several sections of the plan. Commissioner Bill Emmons called for a vote on the acceptance of the Plan. The Plan was approved by the Commissioners with one abstention.

On a motion by Commissioner Brandau and seconded by Commissioner Gallagher, the Town of Tunbridge's planning process was confirmed and approved unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Tegethoff and seconded by Commissioner Papp, the Determination of Energy Compliance for Tunbridge was approved.

Director of Planning Kevin Geiger confirmed that Tunbridge's Town Plan addressed all the energy requirements. The Determination of Energy Compliance for Tunbridge was approved unanimously by the Commissioners.

5. Acceptance of the Unaudited December 2021 and January 2022 TRORC Financial Reports

On a motion made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner O'Dell, the unaudited December 2021 and January 2022 Financial Reports were approved unanimously.

Peter Gregory reported that all 2021 Scholarship award payments have been made. TRORC's income is a little ahead of its projections due to the quarterly advance payment from the Agency of Commerce. Receivables are in good shape.

6. Approval of TRORC Board Minutes from December 15, 2021

On a motion made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner, the December meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Gregory shared feedback from Chairperson Fredrickson regarding the December board minutes. Fredrickson noted that the title for item 5 on the December meeting minutes included a reference to "September, November, December" when it should have read "September, October, November." Lori Kay will correct the error before the final version of the December meeting minutes are posted to the TRORC website.

7. Staff Presentation of the Climate Action Plan and Comprehensive Energy Plan

Kevin Geiger provided an overview of Vermont's Climate Action Plan. The PowerPoint slides are available on TRORC's website.

Regional Energy Coordinator Geoff Martin provided an overview of Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan. The PowerPoint slides are available on TRORC's website as well.

<https://www.trorc.org/meeting-minutes-and-materials/>

8. Staff Presentation on draft TRORC Communications and Outreach Plan

Prior to the presentation, Gregory announced that Regional Planner Tory Littlefield will be leaving TRORC for a new position. He thanked her for the work she's done for TRORC and the Towns.

Littlefield shared her presentation on the Communications and Outreach Plan. Tory's PowerPoint slides are available on TRORC's website. <https://www.trorc.org/meeting-minutes-and-materials/>

9. Staff/Commissioner Updates

Legislature updates:

- Bylaw modernization – a second year of funding is expected for next year.
- The State's FY22 budget adjustment act currently includes \$250,000 for MPG projects.
- Work with the House Committee on Energy and Technology continues on a municipal buildings fuel-switching program. Energy savings audits and weatherization would be part of the program.
- \$2 million in additional state funds are being sought for Brownfields assessments for RPCs.
- The Legislature is actively working on the Act 250 bill although the House and Senate are working in very different directions.

Other updates:

ARPA funds – TRORC is hosting a Regional Forum on ARPA funding on Thursday, February 24, at 6:30pm. The forum will discuss the eligible uses of ARPA funds for the Region's towns.

Commissioner Vallee shared the news that Tim Mills of the Bethel Wastewater Department passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Meeting Minutes prepared by:
Lori Kay, Finance Manager, February 24, 2022

Note: A recording of the full board meeting is available on TRORC's YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLsRbCDat4c>