

Jim Clark	Topsham									
Michael Sacca	Tunbridge									
Kevin Rose	Tunbridge (Alt)									
Andrea Herrington	Vershire			X						
Nancy Malmquist	W. Fairlee	X	X	X						
Don Bourdon	Woodstock		X	X						
Brad Prescott	Woodstock (Alt)	X								
Meghan Butts	At-Large		X							
Ken Alton	At-Large	X		X						
Dan Rudell	At-Large									
Andrew Winter	At-Large		X	X						
Meg Emmons	At-Large	X	X							
Caroline Sherman-Gordon	Youth At-Large		X	X						

Staff: Peter Gregory, Kevin Geiger, Pete Fellows, Christina Scott, Kyra Wood, Kyle Katz, Bryan Kovalick, Rita Seto, Geena Baber, Harry Falconer

Guest: Vermont State Treasurer, Mike Pieciak; Peter Trombley, Treasurer’s Office; Tim Taylor, Thetford

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Introductions/Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

Chair Bill Emmons called the meeting to order at 6:34pm and began with introductions of attendees. There was no public attendance and no public comments received. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved.

2. Approval of October 30, 2024, TRORC Board Minutes.

On a motion made by Peter Berger and seconded by Patrick Dakin, the minutes of October 30, 2024 were approved unanimously.

3. Acceptance of unaudited Financial Reports for October and November 2024.

On a motion made by Nancy Jones and seconded by Peter Berger, the unaudited financial reports for October and November 2024 were approved unanimously.

Executive Director, Peter Gregory noted we are 42% through the FY 2025 budget year. He also noted that Accounts Receivable is current, with an update on income and expenditures for the fiscal year. Gregory noted that TRORC has obtained additional revenue during this fiscal year, including additional RIVER funding, Randolph Childcare CDBG grant administration, and MERP Implementation Grant Administration. He noted that the Balance Sheet indicated a net income of \$108,000 on November 30, 2024.

4. Presentation from Vermont Treasurer Mike Pieciak.

Treasurer Mike Pieciak provided an overview of the Vermont State Treasurer's Office's efforts and priorities, including pension reform, VT SAVES, and VT Baby Bonds. He shared updates on Vermont's demographics, migration trends, and workforce. Pieciak emphasized the importance of addressing the housing crisis and focusing on opportunities to retain and strengthen the Vermont workforce.

The Commissioners engaged in a brief Q&A session with Pieciak.

5. Action on TRORC Regional Plan.

TRORC Chief Planner, Kevin Geiger, reviewed the suggested Regional Plan changes based on comments from the first round of public hearings. He shared with the current timeline; the expectation is the Board will be provided an opportunity to approve the Regional Plan in February 2025.

On a motion made by Peter Berger and seconded by Ken Alton, the Board approved changes as presented and authorized staff to proceed with a final public hearing. John Echeverria abstained from this vote.

6. Staff/Commissioner Updates

a. State and National Advocacy

Peter Gregory updated the Board on local and national advocacy efforts. Many activities are underway in Montpelier. TRORC is monitoring appropriations issues affecting member towns and regional planning commissions. Gregory shared that collaboration with legislators has begun to simplify how regional planning commissions coordinate with state agencies to better serve towns.

The County and Regional Governance Study Committee is currently suspended, pending a new Government Operations Committee Chair, but it is collecting national testimony on how services are delivered on a substate level. Gregory noted that councils of government streamline services by enabling towns to collaborate, a beneficial approach as there are changes in local government.

Nationally, NADO is involved with EDA reauthorization, which could impact TRORC funding. He and other NADO members are advocating for greater involvement from NADO in hazard mitigation and FEMA emergency response efforts.

b. Commissioner Items

No updates from Commissioners.

c. Other

None.

7. Adjournment - 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by:
Kyra Wood, Grants Manager
December 17, 2024