

NRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Thursday May 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	Gary Denton		Enosburg Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Tim Germaine	
Fairfield	Maurice Jettie Cathy Ainsworth (alt)		Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	X
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris		Highgate	Heidi Britch-Valenta	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	X	St. Albans City	Rep. Mike McCarthy	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X	Swanton Village	Reginald Beliveau	X
GMT (Transit)	Chris Damiani		NECR (Rail)	Charles Hunter		MVRT (Bike/Ped)	Vacant	
Air Rep.	Vacant		Berkshire	Vacant		North Hero	Vacant	

Other Participants: Kyle Grenier (NRPC)

1. Adjustments to the Agenda – None

2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks –Chair, H. Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM followed by introductions.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – None

4. Regional Plan Update

K. Grenier informed the Committee of the current schedule of public meetings, public hearings, revisions, and planned final hearing:

- May 15, 7 pm: Virtual Public Meeting via Zoom
Zoom link on the NRPC website
- May 16, 8:30 am: In Person Public Meeting in Grand Isle County
Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Office
- May 22, 5 pm: In Person Public Meeting in Franklin County
NRPC Conference Room
- May 31, 7 pm: NRPC Board Meeting, Official First Public Hearing, Public Invited
St. Albans City Hall
- June 2023: Revised Draft and Final Revisions
- July 17, 6:30 pm: Virtual Public Meeting, Final Public Hearing
Zoom link on the NRPC website

29 P. Magnant asked about how NRPC is publicizing the public meetings for general input. K. Grenier to look into
30 this question and report back to P. Magnant directly

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32 General discussion was had about ways to expand public awareness of NRPC and related events and meetings
33 through towns who are currently equipped with electronic sign boards, and requests made to towns to push
34 communications through their own email distribution lists, when necessary.
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36 **5. Regional Project Priorities**

37 K. Grenier presented to the Committee, a plan to create NRPC's own Project Priority List. This will be a
38 method to track projects, areas of concern/need, and upcoming areas of possible collaboration from
39 an infrastructure/complimentary expansion prospective. This plan will loosely follow the methods that
40 have been used while completing the VPSP2 exercises. This regional priority list is intended to keep a
41 pulse on needs that are regionally focused, and will serve as a vetted list to be available if and when
42 funding options are identified. A copy of a draft spreadsheet was shared with the Committee, and is
43 attached to these minutes.
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45 A discussion about incorporating areas of focus for EV charging stations was had. This will be an area
46 added to the spreadsheet. The TAC would like to include Marlena Valenta, NRPC Energy Planner into a
47 conversation regarding EV charging stations at a future meeting.
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49 **6. Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Meeting (enclosed)**

50 2 corrections were identified:

- 51 a. Reg Beliveau was in attendance at the April 2023 meeting
- 52 b. P. Magnant's name to be corrected on line 42

53 *P. Magnant moved to approve April 13, 2023 meeting minutes with 2 corrections. S. Brown seconded.*
54 *The motion carried.*

55 **7. TAC Member and Staff Updates**

56 H. Garrett and P. Magnant complimented recent work completed by VTrans and ECI on a major culvert
57 replacement on VT 207 – especially noting the efficiency, quality and the finished aesthetics of the
58 project. P. Magnant also noted that the detour signage was in place and helpful well in advance of the
59 project.

60 K. Grenier informed the Committee of a recent meeting in conjunction with members of Green
61 Mountain Transit, Northwestern Medical Center, Town of St. Albans, Town and Village of Swanton,
62 Franklin County Industrial Development Corp. and others, to discuss what Micro Transit could look like
63 in the St. Albans region.

64 K. Grenier updated the Committee on the following NRPC staff tasks:

- 65 1. Franklin VT 120/Middle Rd., etc. Intersection Evaluation- consulting engineers, TCE have completed
66 their initial evaluation. NRPC staff is planning to schedule a meeting with the Franklin Selectboard on
67 June 21.
- 68 2. Connecting Sheldon 2023 VT Bike/Ped Grant Application- NRPC staff is currently working to
69 complete a grant, which if secured will fund a scoping study to identify safer pedestrian travel along VT
70 105 and Mill St. in Sheldon Springs, from approximately Sheldon Elementary to the MVRT.

71 3. Enosburg Vital Village- Enosburg has requested that NRPC staff work to complete a Bike/Ped Grant
72 which will support design and construction of bike/pedestrian infrastructure as outlined within the
73 Enosburg Vital Village study.

74 4. Swanton Sidewalk extension- the Town of Swanton is hosting a public meeting on June 6, 2023 for
75 members of the public to learn more about and offer input on the current sidewalk extension to
76 Thunderbird Rd. project.

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78 **8. Other Business –**

79 P. Magnant remarked on the recent low attendance at TAC requested that K. Grenier email the full TAC
80 encouraging future attendance at meetings, with special regard to the danger of not meeting a
81 quorum, and upcoming elections.

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83 *P. Magnant moved to adjourn the meeting. S. Brown seconded. The motion carried. The meeting*
84 *adjourned at 7:52 PM*

