



MEETING MINUTES:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
 NRPC Conference Room, 75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478
 Thursday February 8, 2024 - 6:30-8:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	Gary Denton		Enosburgh Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Shaw Lafountain	
Fairfield	Maurice Jettie Cathy Ainsworth (alt)		Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	X
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	O
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	O	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)	X	Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	O	Swanton Village	Reginald Beliveau	O
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) in person; Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Dean Pierce (NRPC) online.
 X = In person
 O = Online

Chair, Harold Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

1. Adjustments to the Agenda

2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

4. Roads and Water Quality (upcoming meeting) - Dean Pierce, NRPC Staff

- Dean Pierce, NRPC Senior Planner, attended to promote an upcoming meeting on Transportation and Water Quality, Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30pm.

5. VTrans Project Selection and Project Prioritization (VPSP2) Update

- K. Grenier informed the committee that VPSP2 would be on pause again for FY24. Grenier proposed that the committee review regionally specific projects listed within the VTrans capital plan, including timeline updates.

28 The list will also include projects outlined in the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The
29 TAC will then review previously identified regional priorities and propose new or changing priorities.
30 Informally, members agreed with this proposal.
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32 **6. Minutes of the October 12, 2023 Meeting**

33 P. Magnant motioned to approve the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes. B. Morris seconded.

34 S. Brown noted edits.

35 P. Magnant amended the motion to include "noted changes." B. Morris agreed. 1 abstention, the rest in favor.
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37 **7. Minutes of the January 11, 2023 Meeting**

38 P. Magnant motioned to approve the January 11, 2024 meeting minutes. S. Brown seconded.

39 S. Brown noted edits.

40 P. Magnant amended the motion to include "noted changes." S. Brown agreed. 1 abstention, the rest in favor.
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42 **8. TAC Member and Staff Updates**

- 43 • S. Bousquet noted an emerging issue in Highgate regarding ditches and culverts in the public ROW are being
44 used to stage piping for purposes of moving/spreading manure. It was also noted that at times these pipes are
45 traversing roads, essentially closing them to through traffic without town permission.
- 46 • K. Grenier shared data provided from Local Motion indicating passenger boarding on the Island Line Bike Ferry.
- 47 • K. Grenier shared updates from a conversation with Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC Executive Director) about plans
48 to try to highlight lagging TAC membership, and ways to encourage interest through Town Meeting centered
49 postings and targeted Selectboard interaction.
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51 **9. Other Business**

- 52 • Next meeting: March 14, 2024
- 53 • Proposed future meeting topics:
 - 54 ○ Inviting VTrans engineering staff to discuss wear and tear concerns.
 - 55 ○ VT 207 update, to address concerns brought up at the January 2024 meeting.
 - 56 ○ Law enforcement invite to discuss roadway areas of concern relative to motorist/user safety,
57 sightlines, etc. (not focused on enforcement)
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59 P. Magnant motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Bousquet seconded. The motion carried. The meeting
60 adjourned at 7:51PM
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