



MEETING MINUTES:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

NRPC Conference Room, 75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478

Thursday January 11, 2024 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote

UPDATED AND APPROVED 2/8/2024

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		Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	O
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford	O	South Hero	Bob Buermann	O	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	O	Swanton Village	Reginald Beliveau	
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), Bethany Remmers (NRPC) in person; Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Representative Matt Walker, Lyle Poirier (VT 207/Swanton Resident) 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

4. Recap/Follow up: 2023 Legislative Roundtable Discussion- meeting notes are included for review.

- TAC members provided positive feedback about the Roundtable. Rep. Walker added that November is a busy time for legislators due to many invites to meetings, noting that he was pleased with the turnout. TAC will consider holding the next discussion a bit earlier in the season.

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- Rep. Walker gave a brief legislative update.
 - Rep. Walker recounted a conversation he had with a Swanton resident on VT 207 and concerns about an area that has seen an uptick in crashes over the past 4 months.
 - Lyle Poirier joined the meeting a bit late and gave his account of the crashes that have occurred close to his home on VT 207 in Swanton, near Ceres Circle.
 - Further discussion was had regarding the intersection of VT 207 and Woods Hill Rd. in Swanton. Local residents view this as a higher-than-average crash site.
 - K. Grenier will follow up with M. Arancio about the two areas noted on VT 207 for elevation to VTrans.
- 5. 2023 season data collection review-** including traffic counts, rail trail bike/pedestrian counts.
- K. Grenier shared slides with the TAC highlighting transportation data collection efforts made by NRPC staff during 2023. Slides are attached to these minutes.
 - B. Morris requested more information about the opportunities for amenities available to ped/bike traffic on the rail trails, especially at Sheldon Junction (starting/ending/turning movement type data)
 - B. Morris requested that K. Grenier request data regarding usage of the Island Line Trail and Bike Ferry.
- 6. TAC Member and Staff Updates**
- K. Grenier highlighted to the TAC that the NRPC logo has changed
 - K. Grenier noted that changes to VPSP2 (VTrans Project Selection and Project Prioritization Process) will be retuning for the FY24. More info will be shared at the Feb. TAC meeting in regard to the role the TAC will play this year.
 - P. Magnant requested that information be sent to towns who have no/inactive TAC representatives ahead of Town Meeting in an effort to fill spaces. K. Grenier to come up with a communication mailing and/or poster.
- 7. Other Business**
- Next meeting: February 8, 2024
 - October 2023 TAC meeting minutes will be brought to the February 8 meeting for approval.
- P. Magnant motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Bousquet seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48PM*