

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2018

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at Martin Memorial Hall in Weathersfield at 6pm.

Attendance – TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore (Vice Chair); John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; and Sharon Bixby, Ludlow.

Others present: Katharine Otto, SWCRPC; Erik Bye; Barbara Bye; Walter Wallace, Chuck Gregory

Meeting Opened: The meeting opened at 6:02pm

Welcome and introductions

Changes to the agenda

None

Acceptance of minutes

Sharon Bixby moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018. Seconded by Wayne Wheelock. Approved unanimously.

FY2019 TPI Work Program

Katharine gave an overview of the upcoming TPI work program which runs from July 1st through June 30th with a handout which detailed specific projects. If anyone has any ideas for projects they might like the RPC to do, please talk with Katharine as soon as possible. A full copy of the proposed work program is available upon request.

Katharine also gave an overview of the role of the TAC and how it interacts with the RPC Board and VTrans.

Arne Jonynas moved to accept the overview of the Work Program and recommend the Work Program to the RPC Commissioners. Seconded by John Saydek. Approved unanimously.

Regional Active Transportation Plan

The TAC and other members of the public brainstormed needs for the Active Transportation Plan map, focusing on Cavendish, Andover, Ludlow and Weathersfield this time – updating existing points and adding new ones. Several guests to the TAC meeting from Springfield made some useful observations. The map is available at <http://swcrpc.org/atp/>

Other items discussed related to the plan included:

- Tracking and finding routes
- Check on Mineral st – new sidewalk section so now only 250ft gap?
- Connections between Cavendish and other places – thinking outside the box
 - Howard Hill connection
 - Connection between village through Proctor Piper Forest and alittle railroad property
- Routine maintenance issues that affect usage - Loose sand sweeping, ice, brush, line striping renewal (especially the bike symbol), jagged edges on broken guardrails
- Storm drain alignments
- VTransparency as a source of information
- Trail in Ludlow connecting Pleasant View cemetery passed the snow making pond to the golf course
- Noise versus safety – jake brakes
- Motorcycle inspections and revved engines
- Walking Wednesdays/ “Wellness Walk”

Updates and Announcements

- a) *At large members* – Katharine spoke with Jeff Taft-Dick and he will not be re-standing for an at large member. She is reaching out to others in the community looking for interest. If the TAC has ideas, please let Katharine know. At large members should reflect diversity of transportation interest groups – eg aging, bicycle community, transit – and they are non-voting members.
- b) *Functional Class changes* – Weathersfield Selectboard, Springfield Selectboard, VTrans District 2 and VTrans District 4 all agreed with the proposed changes. The RPC Board confirmed the decisions and the proposed changes were sent to VTrans yesterday.
- c) *Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP)* – The new Grants In Aid round has been released. Inventory fieldwork season has started in West Windsor and Weathersfield. TAC asked about whether the amended fee structure was passed by the legislature – Katharine will find out.
- d) *Construction Updates* – No major updates. VT-103 paving is making traffic slow
- e) *Grant Opportunities* - <http://swcrpc.org/grants/>
 - a. Bicycle and Pedestrian grants due 6/22 - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>
 - b. Transportation Alternatives – announced soon, due July - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>
 - c. Better Roads – likely due early Nov - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>
 - d. Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation – likely due mid Nov - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>
- f) *Meetings* – Nothing to report on
- g) *2018 VT Walk Bike Summit in WRJ* – Friday, May 4th – Went very well. Over 200 in attendance. Inspirational keynote speaker Russ Roca on bicycle tourism. Presentations and photographs available <https://vtwalkbikesummit.com/>.

Other Business

Sharon said that the new Woodstock bridge is great.

Wayne and the TAC congratulated Katharine on her upcoming citizenship.

Future agenda items and next meeting date

Next meeting: 6/27 which will include the VTrans Long Range Plan. Future topic ideas: Rail meeting (including maintenance practices), sign markings, highway safety, automated vehicles, E911 dispatch center

Sharon Bixby moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Seconded by Wayne Wheelock. Approved unanimously.