

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

Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019 (meeting rescheduled from March 27, 2019)

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at the RSVP Ascutney office starting at 6:00 PM.

Attendance

TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Gordy Eastman, Reading; Eric Bye (member at large), North Springfield.

Others present: Jim Ryan, ANR; Barbara Bye, North Springfield; Chris Yurek, SWCRPC; Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC; Anthony Summers, SWCRPC

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:02pm

Changes to the agenda:

No changes were requested.

Acceptance of minutes

- a) Tom Kenyon made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of February 27, 2019. Sharon seconded. Motion passed.

Town Road and Bridge Standards Update (Jim Ryan, Agency of Natural Resources)

- a) Jim Ryan shared the new MRGP newsletter and provided an overview of the updates to the standards.
 - Gordy Eastman discussed the long-term value of upgrading to certain standards.
 - A question was asked about how FEMA would address replacement of flood damaged infrastructure that was not covered by the adoption of the new standards. Jim responded that FEMA would put back what was there.
 - A question was asked if berms could still be included on roads. Jim responded that a berm could be included on one side of a road as long as the road was pitched so that water ran to the opposite side of the road from the berm. The shoulder berm standard only applies to gravel roads with drainage ditches.
 - A question was asked about seeing examples of standards being met. Jim Ryan shared that he has photos of examples of standards being met and that they will be shared at the upcoming Road Foreman Roundtable in Hartland (April, 23).

Systemic Local Road Safety program (SLRS) (Anthony Summers)

- a) Anthony Summers provided an overview of the SLRS program and shared vehicle crash data related to the town roads VTrans chose for potential SLRS participation. The town roads VTrans chose were within the towns of Weathersfield, Windsor, and Springfield. After reviewing maps and data related to these town roads, the TAC chose Springfield as the SWC town to participate in SLRS.
 - There was a discussion about vehicle crashes. Lack of local road system knowledge was brought up as a contributor. Brush cutting for increased visibility was discussed as a potential implementation method for crash prevention and reduction.

Updates and Announcements

- a) Jason Rasmussen shared the recently printed regional bicycle route map with the TAC. Maps were given to everyone in attendance. The website is up, and it can be found at ridewindsorcountyyt.weebly.com

Other Business

- a) Jason provided the following reminders: the Bike & Pedestrian grant program is coming up (applications are yet to be released as of 4/16), and for towns to continue moving forward with MRGP compliance before the state begins enforcement.
- b) Arne asked a question about what alternatives might exist in place of sidewalk for an area where installing a sidewalk is not possible. (Anthony will follow up with Arne about this)

Future agenda items and next meeting date

- c) The next meeting will be 4/24/2019.
- d) Future topic ideas: Rail (Sharon has a Green Mountain Rail contact), Signs/markings/highway safety, electric vehicles, automated vehicles

Adjourn

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Approved unanimously.