

Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization
And
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Joint Annual Meeting
Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, June 15, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Spirit of Ethan Allen III, Lake Champlain

PRESENT: CCMPO

Andy Montroll, Burlington
Jim Donovan, Charlotte
Marc Landry, Colchester (Chair)
Max Levy, Essex Alternate
John Lajza, Essex Junction
Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg
Rick Moulton, Huntington
Phil Gingrow, St. George
Sandy Dooley, South Burlington
Steve Owen, Underhill
George Gerecke, Williston
Mike O'Brien, Winooski
Amy Bell, VTrans

CCRPC

Garret Mott, Buel's Gore
Leslie Pelch, Bolton (Chair)
Marty Illick, Charlotte
Roger Derby, Colchester
Irene Wrenner, Essex
Edmund Booth, Huntington
Catherine McMains, Jericho
Louis Mossey, Milton
Paul Conner, South Burlington Alt.
Suzanne Blanchard, Westford
Don Meals, Conservation/Environ.
Dawn Francis, Bus/Industry Alt.
Justin Dextrateur, Socio,Econ & Housing
Dave Crawford, Essex Junction Manager

Ex-Officio: Chris Jolly, FHWA

Brad Worthen, Airport

Others:

Clay Adams, RSG
Pam Baker (Charlie's wife)
Lou Bresee, Lake Champlain Bikeways
Jessica Clark, Milone & MacBroom
Dave Conger, DuBois & King
Paul Craven, MPO TAC
Cathy Frank, Local Motion Chair
Patricia Gerecke (George's wife)
Sandy Henneberger (Bob's wife)
Daniel Kerin, Essex Jct. Alternate
Matthew Langham, VTrans
Natasha Dean (Joe Colangelo guest)
Diane Meyerhoff, Third Sector Assoc.
Sue Minter, VTrans Deputy Secretary
Christopher Parker, VRAN
Peter Plumeau, RSG
Marcy Ryan, MPO TAC
Brian Searles, Secretary VTrans
Chapin Spencer, Local Motion
Mary Anne Michaels, Vermont Rail Systems

Lisa Aultman-Hall, UVM TRC
Rep. Patrick Brennan
Brian Bresland, DuBois & King
Joe Colangelo, Hinesburg Town Admin.
Paula Cope, Cope & Associates
John Dooley (Sandy's husband)
Joe Frank
Bob Henneberger, MPO TAC
Kathy Keating (Peter's wife)
Barbara Lajza (John's wife)
Jon Leinwohl, Stantec
Senator Richard Mazza
Lawrence Miller, Secretary ACCD
Patricia O'Donnell (Jim Donovan's wife)
Robin Pierce, Essex Jct. Planner
Chris Recchia, Dep. Secretary, ANR
Roy Schiff, Milone & MacBroom
Joe Segale, RSG
Don Welch (Diane Meyerhoff guest)

STAFF:

Charlie Baker, RPC Exec. Director
Peter Keating, Sr. Trans. Planner
Dave Roberts, Sr. Trans. Plan. Engineer
Claire Leonard, Assoc. Planner
Bernadette Ferenc, Business Mgr.

Michele Boomhower, MPO Exec. Director
Christine Forde, Sr. Trans. Planner
Jason Charest, Trans. Planning Engineer
Paul Luciano, Staff Planner
Janet Botula, Administrative Assistant

Prior to the Joint Annual Meeting, invited guests were treated to a bus ride from the waterfront to Essex Junction Amtrak station, where they boarded vintage rail cars (provided by Vermont Rail Systems) for a ride from Essex Junction to the train station at Main Street Landing. On board we heard presentations from Joe Flynn, VTrans Rail Division Director; Dave Wulfson, President of Vermont Rail Systems; Mary Anne Michaels, Vermont Rail Systems; Jeff Munger of Senator Sanders staff; Christopher Parker of the Vermont Rail Action Network; and Paul Craven, rail consultant, on the tunnel.

Call to order /Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Marc Landry, CCMPO Chair. He thanked everyone for coming and thanked Michele Boomhower and Bernie Ferenc for putting this all together. Michele thanked the evening's sponsors: Platinum – Vermont Rail Systems, New England Central Railroad and Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA). Gold: Third Sector Associates; Resource Systems Group; DuBois & King and Parsons Brinckerhoff. Silver: Broadreach Planning & Design; Stantec Consulting Services, and Milone & MacBroom.

Leslie Pelch then recognized folks who have been long-term commissioners on the CCRPC. Bill Aswad was not able to be here but has been on the RPC for 34 years representing Burlington. He served two terms as Chair of the Commission and has been in the House of Representatives for many years and is a member of the New England Association of Regional Councils. Marty Illick, has represented Charlotte for 10 years and is a strong supporter of the environment. Garret Mott has represented Buel's Gore for 10 years. He served as chair from 2006-2008; vice-chair from 2004-2006 and has twice served as chair of the Regional Plan Update Committee. Also recognized were Fred Haulenbeek of Hinesburg and Evan Meenan of Winooski, who will be leaving the commission. Charlie Baker gave a special thanks to the CCRPC Executive Committee - Leslie Pelch, Chair; Lou Mossey, Vice-Chair; Roger Derby, Secretary-Treasurer; Catherine McMains, At-Large communities >5,000; Ed Booth, At-Large Communities <5,000; and Justin Dextrateur, Immediate Past Chair. He appreciates all their help and support, especially since we have started "Meeting the Challenge."

Marc Landry then recognized those who have served the CCMPO. Jeff Carr, former chair, has been on the MPO for ten years as Secretary-Treasurer for two years and chair for three years; Rick Moulton has served for 18 years on the RPO and MPO and on and off the Executive Committee over 11 years and represented the CCMPO on the Vermont Rail Council. Last, but not least, Paul Craven was recognized for 13 years of service – he started as a consultant with the CCMPO in 1998, was a staff member and is now the TAC representative for the rail industry and the alternate board member from Essex Junction. Marc was happy to report that we will only have two members not coming back – Rick Moulton and Gerard Mullen. Jim Dudley will continue for Shelburne (subsequently we learned that Jim will not continue as Shelburne's representative). Michele recognized the CCMPO Executive Committee – Marc Landry, Chair, Andy Montroll, Vice-Chair; Jim Dudley, Secretary-Treasurer; Steve Owen, At-Large; Erik Filkorn, At-Large; and Jeff Carr, Immediate Past Chair. She thanked them for their service and especially through the merger process. She also thanked Chris Jolly for the extra work FHWA did for us.

Leslie Pelch then thanked the two Executive Directors – Charlie Baker and Michele Boomhower, for all the work they've done for the relatively painless merger process. Marc echoed that and said they made the job of Chair easier. The combined organization will be a better organization by combining land use & transportation planning for Chittenden County.

We had several distinguished guests who made brief remarks: Lawrence Miller, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD); Chris Recchia, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources; and Brian Searles, Secretary of the Agency of Transportation. Other guests were introduced: Sue Minter, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Transportation; Senator Dick Mazza of Chittenden/Grand Isle County & Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee; and Representative Pat Brennan, Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

JOINT BOARD MEETING opened at 7:38 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Joint Board Meeting of May 18, 2011. GARRET MOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY LOU MOSSEY TO APPROVE THE JOINT BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2011. MOTION CARRIED WITH ABSTENTIONS FROM SUZANNE BLANCHARD AND DON MEALS.

2. Report from Joint CCMPO/CCRPC Nominating Committee. Justin Dextrateur reported for the nominating committee, which he and Jeff Carr co-chaired. Members included Suzanne Blanchard, Mike O'Brien and Marcel Beaudin. The following slate of officers is recommended: Marc Landry, Chair; Lou Mossey, Vice-Chair; Andy Montroll, Secretary-Treasurer; Catherine McMains, At-Large over 5,000 population; Erik Filkorn, At-Large under 5,000 population; and Leslie Pelch, Immediate Past Chair.

3. Election of Officers. There were no nominations from the floor. MIKE O'BRIEN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT THE SLATE AS PRESENTED. ED BOOTH SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Other Business. There was none.

5. Adjourn. GARRET MOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 P.M. SECONDED BY LOU MOSSEY AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Members and guests then enjoyed a wonderful meal and sunset on the lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Ferenc