1. Call to order, changes to the agenda. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Chair, Chris Roy.

2. Public Comment Period for items NOT on the agenda. There were none.

3. Action on the Consent Agenda. There were no items on the consent agenda.

4. Approve minutes of January 17, 2018 Board meeting. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017 WITH CHANGES IF ANY. JIM DONOVAN SECONDED. Catherine McMains asked for clarification on the bottom of page 4 to say “The Legislature did receive long-term funding recommendations…” THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BARBARA ELLIOTT ABSTAINING.

5. Draft ECOS Plan Public Hearing #1.; and 6. Draft ECOS Plan Discussion. JIM DONOVAN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:07 P.M. SHARON MURRAY SECONDED THAT THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Members heard comments from Julie Macuga a recent graduate of UVM, Deb Sachs of Charlotte, and David Blittersdorf also of Charlotte who have all agreed to send written comments which will be attached to these minutes. We then had comments and discussion from board members on the draft plan and the top 10 actions. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION TO
CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:55 P.M., SECONDED BY CATHERINE MCCAINS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Transportation Performance Measures – Safety Targets. Peter Keating gave a presentation on the performance measures required by the most recent Federal Transportation Acts. The following areas will be required to have performance measures: Safety; Infrastructure Condition (pavement and bridges); Congestion; System Reliability (NHS performance); Freight Movement (interstate); and Environmental Sustainability. The first one we must act on is Safety. VTrans has developed some targets, and staff and the TAC are recommending the board accept the VTrans targets. After some discussion, BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ROB FISH TO ACCEPT THE VTRANS STATEWIDE SAFETY TARGETS AS REPORTED IN THE 2017 HSIP REPORT AND NOT SET REGIONAL (MPO) TARGETS THIS CALENDAR YEAR (2018). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH NO VOTES FROM ESSEX AND ESSEX JUNCTION AND AMY BELL ABSTAINED.

8. Chairman’s/Executive Director Update. 
   a. Clean Water. Last month we talked about long-term funding and the Senate Natural Resources committee spent hours on this, but we can’t predict the outcome. They have decided not to do parcel fees for now. They will appoint a committee to take this up again this summer. (Bard Hill left the meeting.) There may be things in the bill have that some implications for us. River Basin Coordinating Councils are being discussed as a conduit for block grants to go to each town.
   b. Economics of Housing. Charlie noted we held a workshop at the end of January that was attended by about 50 people and we’ve been requested to sponsor more.
   c. ECOS Annual Report. The report is being reviewed by our partners.
   d. Regional Dispatch. Charlie noted that 7 towns have the question on their town meeting ballot. There are yard signs going up to vote no. He is not sure why because no money or personnel issues are involved. The vote is only to form a Union Municipal District to continue the discussions and work out the details. There was a brief discussion about previous attempts for regional dispatch.
   e. Legislative updates. The request for the third year of funding to assist us help our communities with energy planning is in committee now. Sen. Government Operations committee is also discussing requiring towns to include new public safety sections in the municipal plans and it would stop state police from working for towns. They did approve a little bill that makes it clear that towns and regions can post notices electronically.

9. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports. Chris noted that minutes were included in the board packet. Charlie noted that in an effort to be sure our minutes are posted within 5 days, we propose to do minimalist minutes to include attendees, topics and motions. We will then expand the draft minutes so the committees will receive minutes they are used to seeing prior to their next meeting.

10. Members Items. There were none.

11. Adjournment. JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CHRIS SHAW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette Ferenc