1. Call to order; changes to the agenda. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chair, Chris Roy. He noted that Joe Segale was not able to attend the meeting and his presentation on Autonomous Vehicle Testing (Agenda item 5) will be removed and rescheduled to a later date. Agenda item 7, the 2019 planBTV was moved up to Agenda item 5.

2. Public Comment Period on items NOT on the agenda. Members of the Pine Street Coalition were present; Tony Redington, Steve Goodkind, Lisa Liotta, Carolyn Bates, Jack Daggitt, and Serrill Flash. Mr. Redington distributed copies of a handout that outlines the Pine Street Coalition’s objectives and reasoning behind opposing the current Champlain Parkway redesign for Burlington’s South End.

Tony Redington addressed his concerns with the current plan for the Champlain Parkway. He stated it is outdated, unsafe, and without adequate design to incorporate bike and/or pedestrian traffic. He stated the Pine Street Coalition seeks to have a completely new, modern design plan implemented in order to ensure public safety, address modern environmental concerns, reduce financial burden and minimize climate change emissions. He said next month the coalition will take action at the US Federal District court.

Carolyn Bates addressed the group, stated the current Champlain Parkway design does not work for her. She stated her concerns with heavy traffic and the potential increase to traffic volume particularly
during peak travel hours (5pm). She does not want the new plan to go through and wants a new plan to be considered.

Jack Daggitt stated we are currently in the midst of a global climate crisis and moving forward with the Champlain Parkway design necessitates the elimination of many trees. If the plan goes through it will not have a positive environmental impact; it will create more cars and more congestion. A new design proposal the coalition has is a safer and better alternative.

Steve Goodkind explained, as a former Burlington Public Works Director his history with this project. He feels the Champlain Parkway project needs to stop and be changed, that it should not move forward as it is. Since the original design under the EIS, there have been multiple changes in laws, rules and how we look at roadways in general. He stated there should be another EIS based on modern standards.

3. Action on the Consent Agenda. There were two minor TIP amendments on the consent agenda. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY JOHN ZICCONI TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2019 board meeting. JIM DONOVAN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY SHARON MURRAY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH EDITS IF ANY. It was suggested to add Alternate to Colchester and Winooski representatives. Jim Donovan requested clarifying Actions on Agenda items 8 and 9, as they both dealt with two separate municipal plans. Jim would also like to see a brief description of what bill S.96 covers under Agenda item 10, S.96 Recommendations. The intent is to ensure anyone who reads the minutes will have clear understanding of what was discussed. MOTION CARRIED WITH DAVE TILTON AND MIKE O’BRIEN ABSTAINING.

5. 2019 planBTV: Comprehensive Plan Approval, Confirmation of Planning Process, and Determination of Energy Compliance Emily provided a brief history of the process noting that the plan meets all statutory requirements and energy compliance standards and therefore, recommends CCRPC approval. Emily introduced Meagan Tuttle, principal planner for the city of Burlington. Meagan thanked the board for moving this item up on the agenda. Andy explained the complexity of the document and thanked Meagan for her work to organize information in an efficient, user-friendly manner. Jim Donovan asked Emily to clarify if there was confirmation in notation #11, where it was the CCRPC’s “understanding that the City of Burlington has chosen not to include prohibitions on renewable generation siting in planBTV, and has chosen instead only to define places to encourage generation” Emily stated, yes there was confirmation.

ANDY MONTROLL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JACKIE MURPHY THAT THE CCRPC BOARD APPROVE THE 2019 PLANBTV COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CONFIRM BURLINGTON’S PLANNING PROCESS AND GRANT AN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE TO THE 2019 PLANBTV: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MOTION CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY BY ALL MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

6. FY20 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) & Budget Public Hearing and Vote. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CATHERINE MCMAINS TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:25 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. There were no members of the public in attendance. Charlie noted there is a staff proposed edit to add $30,000.00 in carry over funds for Task #2.3.2.3 (line 34) for the Level of Service (LOS) Study. DAN KERIN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:35 PM.
MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION PORTION OF THE UPWP AND BUDGET FOR FY20, INCLUDING THE EDIT. VOTE:

BOLTON YES BURLINGTON YES (4) CHARLOTTE YES
COLCHESTER YES (2) ESSEX YES ESSEX JCT YES
HINESBURG YES HUNTINGTON ABSENT JERICHO YES
MILTON ABSENT RICHMOND ABSENT ST. GEORGE VACANT
SHELBURNE YES SO. BURL YES (2) UNDERHILL YES
WESTFORD YES WILLISTON YES WINOOSKI YES
VTRANS YES

MOTION CARRIED WITH 20 OUT OF 24 VOTES AND 14 OUT OF 18 MUNICIPALITIES PRESENT AND VOTING.

MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN TO APPROVE THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE FY20 UPWP AND BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Board Development Committee – Report on FY20 Officer Nominations: Andy Montroll stated the Board Development Committee met by conference call last week to develop a slate of officers for FY20. The committee’s recommendations are as follows:

  Mike O’Brien, Chair
  Catherine McMains, Vice Chair
  John Zicconi, Secretary-Treasurer
  Chris Shaw, At large for Towns over 5,000
  Barbara Elliott, At Large for Towns under 5,000
  Chris Roy, Immediate Past Chair

The Election of Officers will occur at the CCRPC Board’s Annual Meeting on June 19, 2019. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

8. Policy Engagement Decision Process Chris Roy reminded members of the discussion at the April Board meeting about the best way to decide which public policy issues to engage in. It was also suggested at the last Executive Committee meeting that policy engagement issues be based on the ECOS plan. However, there is also a need to address other relevant issues as they arise. In order to accomplish this, staff is suggesting that standing items be added to July and January agendas to ensure CCRPC is making thoughtful decisions in terms of choosing relevant policy items to engage in.

Jeff Carr mentioned the importance of being proactive in order to absorb the intent and meaning of issues. He stated it is best not to be rushed when making decisions. He voiced concerns that July and January may not be the best months. Lengthy discussion ensued between members in terms of timing and the importance of ensuring issues align with the mission. John Zicconi reminded everyone an issue can be up for discussion at any time, however, setting an agenda item twice yearly, 6 months apart is good practice. Charlie noted he wants to manage expectations and he envisions developing a list of items to be discussed. Staff will review and help decide which issues are most relevant. Members agreed this is a new approach and the exact protocol will be a work in progress. Jeff stated we rely heavily on Charlie to bring information to the table. Jeff also stated it is important we act as a resource for the public and be good stewards of policy and planning. It was the sense of the body that we will add this as an agenda item to the May and November meetings and evaluate the approach as we go.

9. Chair/Executive Director Report
a. Legislative Update: Charlie stated the S.96 Water Quality bill is in the final stages of debate, particularly on how to raise revenue for clean water projects. There is shift away from the capital budget funds and a push for new revenue to fill the gap. House Ways and Means proposed taking 4% of rooms and meals tax from the Education Fund to be allocated over to Water Quality and backfilled the education fund with a cloud computing tax. The S.96 bill will likely be resolved over the next couple of days. The bill addresses two major issues: funding and setting up a new watershed-based grant funding distribution model to address pollution reduction goals in each watershed. Chris Roy asked what happened with the enforcement provision, Charlie stated this was removed from the House version and the Senate had questioned why it came out. Charlie also noted Act 250 is being held in House Natural Resources Committee until next year.

b. Annual Meeting. Charlie reminded everyone the Annual Meeting will be held on June 19, 2019 at The Mansfield Barn, 3 Irish Farm Road in Jericho, Vermont. The main focus of the meeting will be to celebrate Bernie Ferenc and Peter Keating’s upcoming retirements.

10. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports Chris noted that minutes of various committee meetings were included in the meeting packet.

11. Members’ Items, Other business. There was none.

12. Adjourn. AMY BELL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY SHARON MURRAY, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:02 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Irvin Witham