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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2018

Will Sipsey, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present:

Addison:
Bridport: Andrew Manning
Bristol:
Cornwall:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker
Leicester:
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair
Middlebury:
Monkton: Thea Gaudette
New Haven: Mike Audy
Orwell:
Panton:
Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Shoreham: Karen Shackett
Starksboro:
Vergennes: Shannon Haggett
Waltham:
Weybridge:
Whiting:

Staff: Adam Lougee

Guests: Pilots and neighbors of the airport; Don Arnold, John Derrick, Orion Remenic.
Mike Vincent, Sisco Herrera, John McNarny, Dave Cobb, Ken Roller

VTrans: Sommer Bocossi, Michele Boomhower, Costa Pappis

Will opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, letting everyone know the first portion of the TAC meeting would be dedicated to a public hearing on the State aviation Plan and turning the floor over to Michele Boomhower, the Director of Policy and Planning at VTrans. Michele introduced the State Aviation plan and asked to learn a little about each audience member. She stated the goals of the plan and turned the presentation over to Costa Pappis. Costa presented a PowerPoint presentation on the State Aviation Plan. A copy of the PowerPoint is available here: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/aviation/vermont-airport-system-plan>

The Pilots noted that they felt the Middlebury facility still needed navigational aids and lighting to allow it to operate in the evening or in adverse weather conditions. They also noted the lack of hanger space available and the high cost of permitting hangers, largely driven by Stormwater concerns over all impervious surfaces controlled by the Middlebury airport. Costa thanked the group for their comments on the plan and noted that time to comment still existed.

Will thanked the VTrans staff for their presentation, adjourned the public hearing, offered a 5-minute break and then called the TAC meeting to order.

September Minutes: Tom Scanlon moved to adopt the September minutes, amending them to reflect that the TAC awarded Ripton the full \$12,000 that they requested. Karen Shackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

August Minutes: At the September meeting Jeff Nelson noted that the discussion in the minutes was incomplete. The consultants' minutes contained a more complete record of the discussion, but those were not attached to the minutes in the package distributed at the September meeting. At the September meeting, the TAC voted to table the minutes until all could review the consultant minutes. Adam included both the regular September minutes and the Consultant's minutes in the October meeting package. Accordingly, the TAC was ready to take up the August minutes, which it had tabled in September. **Thea Gaudette moved to adopt the August minutes. Karen Shackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Route 22A Truck Alternatives Study: Adam noted that he had distributed the current conditions report of the Route 22A truck Study in the package he sent out, noted that Jeff Nelson had sent him a comment on the study, which he conveyed to the consultant and asked if any other members of the TAC had comments at this time? No one offered comments. Adam noted that he would also include this as an agenda item on the next TAC meeting so people could continue to comment after the meeting.

TA and Back Road grants: Adam noted that the deadlines are approaching and that ACRPC can help with the applications at a town's request.

Other Transportation Updates: Adam noted that he intended to make an offer to hire a new transportation planner very soon and that he hoped to have them on board for the next TAC meeting.

Members Concerns: Will noted they had paved the eastern side of the Lincoln Gap road and that between the new road and the foliage, the gap was beautiful.

Adjourn: On a motion by Thea Gaudette, seconded by Tom Scanlon and unanimously approved, the TAC adjourned the meeting at 8:10.