

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2020

All participants attended the meeting remotely.

Committee members: Cathleen Gent (chair), Jon Kart, Erik Filkorn, Chris Cole

Others participating: Jean Bressor, Mark Damico, James Floyd, Jonathon Weber, Colin Green, Samantha Peikes, Alan Knowles, Justin Graham.

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 6:04PM

Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2020 Minutes moved by Filkorn, Seconded by Kart. Approved unanimously. No changes.

Prospective Committee Members

Bike/Ped steering committee candidates introduced themselves starting with Jean Bressor who is a trails committee member.

Jonathon Weber works for Local Motion and has good insight into these modes. He lives in Burlington but is a regular mountain biker and downtown customer.

Justin Graham from Rise Vermont is not a Richmond resident, is happy to provide support but doesn't need to be a voting member of the committee.

Colin Green served on the trails committee and is an avid biker. Sees great potential for Richmond as a gateway to the Greens.

Chase Rosenburg was not present but did apply.

Ravi wanted to clarify whether those present are interested in steering committees or an actual seat on the Transportation Committee because we need one of those too.

*Mark Damico. has a background in site planning and landscape architecture.

Ravi explained that we are only going to have a steering committee for the Bike/Ped plan.

*James Floyd is a longtime Richmond resident and is interested in making Richmond more bike friendly.

Samantha Peikes is a Montpelier resident and interns for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Very interested in planning, Safe Routes to Schools, etc. Interested in steering committee.

*Allen Knowles is interested in joining the Transportation Committee or Steering Committee and just wants to be helpful. No transportation experience beyond personal use. Lifelong cyclist but he owns a car too and has experienced a lot of infrastructure throughout North America.

Cole mentioned that we still need to fill the "Western Slopes" slot. Damico indicated that he would check in with WS to see if he could fulfill that role.

We have more interest than slots. The possibility exists that the committee could expand if two slots were assigned to “planning commission” members. Cole suggested that we recommend to the Selectboard that we adjust the size of the committee to accommodate the enthusiasm.

Transportation Committee Membership

Motion by Cole to recommend to the Selectboard that James Floyd (3-year term), Mark Damico (2-year term) and Allen Knowles (2-year term) be appointed as new members of the Transportation Committee. Seconded by Kart. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Cole to recommend to the Selectboard that the Transportation Committee membership be expanded to seven, composed of six at large members and one representative from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Filkorn. Unanimously approved.

UPWP Steering Committee Membership

Motion by Kart to recommend to the Selectboard that Justin Graham, Jean Bressor, Colin Green, Samantha Peikes, Chase Rosenberg, Ian Stokes, Allen Knowles and James Floyd be appointed to the UPWP Bike/Ped steering committee. Seconded by Filkorn. Unanimously approved.

Ravi mentioned that due to some staffing shifts in the Town Offices, his plate is going to be particularly full in the next few months. In particular, he is looking for support with the Bridge Street project. In the absence of a proper steering committee, the Transportation Committee will need to provide more support.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 5:30PM.

Motion to adjourn by Cole. Seconded by Filkorn. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.