

Richmond Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020

In attendance: Cathleen Gent (co-chair), Chris Cole (co-chair), Erik Filkorn

Co-chair Gent opened the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Meeting Minutes: December 18 – Motion by Erik Filkorn, seconded by Chris Cole, to approve the minutes. No changes were offered. The motion approved unanimously: Gent, Cole, Filkorn,

January 2 – Motion by Erik Filkorn, seconded by Chris Cole, to approve the minutes. No changes were offered. The motion was approved unanimously: Gent, Cole, Filkorn.

Update: UPWP Applications – The committee briefly discussed the two UPWP applications that were submitted on January 16. In addition, the committee discussed pursuing public electric vehicle charging stations, which were not included in the UPWP grants, but will be pursued through other funding opportunities. In order to find the best location for those charging stations, Chris Cole suggested that we meet with Highway Department head Peter Gosselin. Cathleen Gent will reach out to Peter with potential meeting dates. The Transportation Committee will hold a special meeting for that purpose and will not have the regular meeting on February 19. Once one or two locations are identified, the committee can discuss the project with the Selectboard and begin pursuing the grants.

There was also a brief discussion about two Richmond Route 2 projects under VTrans' jurisdiction, including the paving and the traffic light at Route 2 and Bridge Street.

Begin Work on Public Participation Plan – The Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet again with the Selectboard once the public participation plan is in place. At that meeting, the Selectboard will be asked to review the Transportation Priorities Implementation Plan, the public participation plan, and public E/V charging stations.

The committee brainstormed the elements for a public participation plan, in advance of that Selectboard meeting, expecting we will be ready by March. The main purpose of the public participation plan is to get people to review the transportation implementation priority and then prioritize the top activities and offer any opportunities not included in the list. Committee members suggested reaching out to the public by various means -- Front Porch Forum, the town web site, the Times Ink, other town committees, etc. - once the public participation plan is in place and a date is set.

Cathleen Gent will prepare a draft Public Participation Plan for review at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

189 Corridor Study – Cathleen Gent referenced information about the new I-89 long-term corridor study, send by Town Manager Josh Arneson who requested that the Transportation Committee review. Public meetings will begin soon on that project. Chris Cole and Erik Filkorn discussed the Transportation and Climate Initiative being organized by Vermont and other New England/ Mid-Atlantic states.

Other Old or New Business - None

Motion by Filkorn to adjourn, seconded by Cole. Motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 6:20 PM.