

# **Richmond Transportation Committee**

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2021

All participants attended the meeting remotely.

Committee members: Cathleen Gent (chair), Erik Filkorn, James Floyd, Allen Knowles, Chris Cole, Jon Kart

Absent: Mark Damico

Others present: Ravi Venkataraman

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 5:36 PM.

Meeting Minutes: January 21 Minutes moved by Knowles, seconded by Cole. Approved unanimously.

## **Additions to Agenda:**

### **Future of Rural Transit Project**

The chair noted receipt of an email from Jeff Forward that advanced the idea of operating an electric bus. Mr. Cole expressed some great insights that were initially lost due to poor audio. Peggy from the UVM Transportation Center is finalizing criteria. Cole would like to learn more about their program. There is a 1/22 study from DOT which Cole is going to explore further. If the town is interested in paying the local match for GMT-run service, we can pursue that, but owning and operating a bus on our own is probably not practical. Richmond offering a shuttle service could work, but more exploration is required.

### **Google Docs Platform**

James shared his screen and showed us the way to the promised land. Some discussion was had about how to be sure not to run afoul of open meeting law with sharing documents, etc. There was much general enthusiasm for upping our game. Agendas and minutes still need to live on the web page and in the vault. We will do a test run on a document with no actual business for practice.

### **Other Business**

#### **Parking Committee**

Diane Maraino reached out to note that Knowles has attended at least of one of their meetings and our committees have a lot in common and further contact is welcome. Knowles noted their activities are adjacent but not overlapping.

#### **FY2022 UPWP Update**

Ravi shared a detailed document that shows the steps in the process. Noted that current requests exceed available funding.

**Oher Old or New Business**

VNRC grant application was approved by the Selectboard.

**UPWP Grant – Project Updates****-Bridge Street Project**

Public meeting first week of April.

**-Northern Bike/Ped Master Plan**

Project steering committee next week. Knowles asked if an extension of the River Shore path had ever been explored. It may come up in the plan, but it is worth re-stating in the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Cole , Seconded by Filkorn . Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

-Erik Filkorn