

LAMOILLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES August 23, 2023 Hybrid Meeting – 12:00 PM

Approved: September 27, 2023

Community/ Mode	Representative		Community/ Mode	Representative	
Belvidere	Ken Adams Vacant (alt)	X	Cambridge	Eric Boozan Jonathan DeLaBruere (alt)	X
Eden	Ricky Morin		Elmore	Bob Burley Michel LaCasse (alt)	
Hyde Park	Richard Pearson Ron Rodjenski (alt)		Johnson	Vacant Vacant (alt)	
Morristown	Gerard Throne Martin Green	X X	Stowe	Chris Jolly ( <i>Video</i> ) Harry Shepard (alt)	X
Waterville	Vacant Vacant (alt)		Wolcott	Linda Martin ( <i>Video</i> ) Dillan Cafferkey (alt)	X

**Additional Guests & LCPC Staff Present:**

LCPC: Rob Moore, Victoria Hellwig (*Video*), Alec Jones, Georgeana Little,

Guests: Mathew Arancio (*Video*), Carl Rogers (*Video*), Tammy Patnoe (*Phone*)

Linda Martin called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

**Welcome & Introductions, Changes to Agenda, Public Comments**

Rob Moore announced that he will be leaving LCPC at the end of the month. Other staff members will be continuing his work and organizing TAC meetings.

Everyone introduced themselves for the benefit of the two new members from Morristown.

**Acceptance of TAC Minutes May 24, 2023**

*Ken Adams motioned to accept the minutes from May 24, 2023, Jonathan DeLaBruere seconded.  
 Motion carried.*

**Call for Nominations and Possible Vote for TAC Chair**

The Nomination Committee reported that Eric Boozan of Cambridge had voiced interest in chairing the Committee. Jonathan DeLaBruere nominated Eric Boozan for chair. After a brief discussion the decision was made to table the nomination until next meeting, since Eric was not able to attend this meeting.

**Administrative Housekeeping and Updates**

Rob advised the Committee that appointment forms were needed for all delegates and urged committee members to check with their Selectboard about those forms.

Speakers on topics of interest are always welcome at TAC meetings and members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion.

The main object of this committee is to review and suggest projects to be added to VTrans Project Prioritization List. This process was paused this year due to a backlog of projects, but will begin again next fiscal year. Members should be ready to suggest projects in their towns.

VTrans has taken it on themselves to look at bridges on town roads and report the conditions of those

bridges. Any projects coming from this review would be covered by VTrans and not the towns.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

- Cambridge had little infrastructure damage from the recent flooding. One bridge was damaged. They have various projects currently underway.
- Stowe also escaped major damage from flooding. Roads updated using the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) fared very well.
- The Grants in Aid project in Johnson will be starting soon.
- A scoping study for the Scribner Bridge is underway with a site visit this week.
- Four road sections in Johnson were damaged by flooding as was the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT).
- MRGP Roads in Belvidere, as in Stowe, fared very well during the flooding.
- The Culvert replacement on Route 109 in Belvidere, due to be done this summer, has been postponed until next year.
- Belvidere is in the process of reclassifying some town highways.
- Rural Community Transportation (RCT) is running a bus between Morristown and Johnson. They have started a Pilot Microtransit Service. People can call and request a ride within the service area and will be picked up at home or another location as requested. There is no fare for any RCT service.

### **Lamoille Valley Rail Trail**

Victoria Hellwig reported that the sections of the LVRT from Swanton to Cambridge Junction and from St Johnsbury to Walden are now open. The 23 miles between Cambridge Junction and Walden are closed. The section from Cambridge Junction to Morristown may be open later this Fall but the rest of the LVRT sustained major damage and will not reopen until next year.

A general discussion concluded the meeting. The new Morristown representatives had several questions that were answered by Rob and Committee members. Chris Jolly told about a the new "location based data," which uses cell phone locations to map traffic, indicating where congestion is worse and projecting traffic patterns into the future.

**Next Meeting:** September 27, 2023

### **Adjourn**

*Chris Jolly motioned to adjourn. Martin Green seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.*