

LAMOILLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MINUTES November 01, 2023 Hybrid Meeting – 12:00 PM
 Approved: November 29, 2023

Community/ Mode	Representative		Community/ Mode	Representative	
Belvidere	Ken Adams (<i>Video</i>) Vacant (alt)	X	Cambridge	Eric Boozan (<i>Video</i>) Jonathan DeLaBruere (alt)	X X
Eden	Vacant Vacant (alat)		Elmore	Vacant Vacant (alt)	
Hyde Park	Richard Pearson Vacant (alt)	X	Johnson	Tom Galinat Vacant (alt)	
Morristown	Gerard Throne Martin Green	X X	Stowe	Chris Jolly (<i>Video</i>) Harry Shepard (alt)	
Waterville	Vacant Vacant (alt)		Wolcott	Linda Martin (<i>Video</i>) Dillan Cafferkey (alt)	X

Additional Guests & LCPC Staff Present:

LCPC: Alec Jones, Alberto Della Torre, Georgeana Little
 Guests: Mathew Arancio (*Video*)

Eric Boozan opened the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Welcome & Introductions, Changes to Agenda, Public Comments

There was a round of introductions. The agenda items requiring a vote will be deferred until a quorum is present. There was no public comment.

Road Salt Training Debrief

Alec Jones reported on the training he attended concerning the use of road salt. The idea is to cut down on the use of salt on the roads. Hyde Park participated in a demonstration project using a brine truck on town roads. Cambridge and Johnson partnered with Hyde Park to determine the efficacy of using brine on town roads. Eric Boozan was part of the trial but had some technical problems and could not give a critique of the process. Hyde Park, however, has purchased a brine truck for use this season. Linda Martin asked if the process could cause more corrosion to cars. Eric said additives could be added to offset any corrosive properties, but the mixture being used in Lamoille does not have any additives. However, the process is not known to be more corrosive than regular salting. It was asked if the same process could be used in summer to cut down on dust. The answer was that the mixture used for winter roads could not be used in the summer, but a different mixture could. Pre-treatment with brining is suggested. Because it is a liquid, there is no problem of the application not staying on the road and no need to worry about the temperature for it to work. The question of the cost of the equipment was raised. Hyde Park found that the decrease in the amount of salt used offset the cost of the equipment. They expect to see about 3 years for a return on investment (ROI).

Acceptance of September 27, 2023 TAC Minutes

Martin Green motioned to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2023 minutes, Rich Pearson seconded. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

To Move November Meeting to November 29

Because the normal date for the November meeting will be the day before Thanksgiving, it was suggested to move the meeting to the following week.

Ken Adams motioned to move the November TAC meeting from the 4th to the 5th Wednesday of the month. Martin Green seconded. Motion carried.

Roundtable Discussion

Flood Damage

- Cambridge had damage mainly to the Greenway and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. One bridge was also damaged. They are currently waiting for contractors for repairs.
- Wolcott had \$1.5 million damage to roads and \$0.5 million damage to buildings: Town Offices, Fire Station. They are also looking for contractors

Mutual Aid Agreements

- Eric noted that after the flood they had to call for help from other communities with which they have unofficial mutual aid agreements. Since FEMA will not reimburse municipalities unless they have official municipal aid agreements Cambridge is working with their attorney to draft an agreement. They will share it with other municipalities so that there will be a standard agreement template for the County.

Future Topics

- Traffic along Route 100 in Stowe can be daunting, especially during leafpeeping season. A discussion of possible mitigation strategies was suggested.
- Green Mountain Transit conducted a Microtransit experiment in Lamoille County this year. Having someone come and talk about the outcome and possible continuation is a topic.

Adjourn

Linda Martin motioned to adjourn. Martin Green seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Next Meeting: November 29, 2023