

LAMOILLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MINUTES November 29, 2023 Hybrid Meeting – 12:00 PM
 Approved: January 24, 2024

Community/ Mode	Representative		Community/ Mode	Representative	
Belvidere	Ken Adams Vacant (alt)		Cambridge	Eric Boozan <i>(Video)</i> Jonathan DeLaBruere (alt) <i>(Video)</i>	X X
Eden	Vacant Vacant (alat)		Elmore	Vacant Vacant (alt)	
Hyde Park	Richard Pearson Vacant (alt)	X	Johnson	Tom Galinat Vacant (alt)	
Morristown	Gerard Thorne 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)	

Additional Guests & LCPC Staff Present:

LCPC: Alec Jones, Alberto Della Torre, Melissa Manka, Georgeana Little
 Guests: Mathew Arancio *(Video)*, Tammy Patnoe *(Video)*, Caleb Grant, Ross McDonald

Eric Boozan opened the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Welcome & Introductions, Changes to Agenda, Public Comments

There was a round of introductions. There were no changes to the agenda and no public comment.

Acceptance of November 1, 2023 TAC Minutes

*Martin Green motioned to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting, Rich Pearson seconded.
 Motion carried.*

Roundtable Discussion

Ross McDonald from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) presented a short PowerPoint presentation on Microtransit. This is a pilot program. Feasibility studies were done at 14 locations around the state and 5 were chosen for this pilot program, including Morristown. The idea is to offer “Dial a Ride” in addition to fixed route service. This concept is currently offered to those on Medicaid or other eligible programs. A person can reserve a ride from their location to anywhere within the service area (bubble) by using an app or by phone.

Caleb Grant from Rural Community Transport (RCT) explained that the pilot program, known as demand response service, in this area is going well. Some areas will be studied further, for example use of this service by tourists does not seem to be working and there is a lack of data to present to funders. The service works well within communities but not between communities. RCT is planning to go fully electric in the future and is currently using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for scheduling. A lively discussion followed the presentations.

Discussion of Future Topics

Jonathan DeLaBruere raised the question of VTrans maintaining the roundabouts on state roads. Currently the towns are responsible for their maintenance although they were mandated by VTrans.

Adjourn

Martin Green motioned to adjourn. Jerry Thorne seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2024