

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING Minutes
January 12th, 2021
4:00-5:00 PM

Remote Meeting via ZOOM

Members Present: Van Chesnut (Advance Transit), Dick Jones (Lyme), Teri Palmer (Sullivan County Transportation), Bob Harrington (New London), Jim Donison (Lebanon), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover), Patricia Higgins (UVLSRPC Commissioner), Rob Taylor (Enfield), Scott Osgood (Claremont), Rebecca Owens (Lebanon)

Partners Present: William Rose (NHDOT)

Staff Present: Alex Belenz, Meghan Butts

I. Call to Order

Chair Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 4:05PM. Roll Call.

II. Action on Minutes from October 20th, 2020

Dick Jones moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Patricia Higgins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9-0-1. Peter Kulbacki abstained.

III. Regional Corridor Transportation Plan – Update & Discussion

Alex Belenz gave a brief update on the Regional Corridor Transportation Plan. For more information on the plan visit www.uvlsrpc.org/corridorplan. The Committee engaged in a discussion around the plan process and its successes and challenges. Staff discussed the value of breaking the region into corridors as a better way to engage the public as corridors are more relatable than the entire region's transportation network. Staff shared successes with municipal meetings and a potential uptick in online survey results maybe as result of COVID-19 pandemic. Staff expressed some challenges due to COVID-19 such as Staff expressed the value of breaking the region into corridors

Municipal meetings

Online survey responses

Challenges – non-online folks, towns that are underwater, towns meeting in person

How is the process going? Successes? What are we missing because of COVID? Value of in-person meeting

How are we trying to account for all people and not just online folks.

IV. Mascoma River Greenway Survey – Presentation

Alex provided a brief presentation on the Mascoma River Greenway and UVLSRPC's work in developing and administering a survey for trail users. Alex

shared the survey platform and analysis dashboard as a tool that communities can use to gather and display data.

V. Updates from Members

Scott Osgood (Claremont)– Claremont is working with Stantec and NH DOT for Road Safety Audit on Charlestown Road between Lane Ridge Road and Sunset Street. A new trail near Washington Street was completed. There is a proposal for a renovation of an old building into 82-unit apartments across from parking garage on Main Street. There is a proposal for a new liquor store by the Rail Trail on Washington Street. The Pleasant Street revitalization project is planned for Spring 2021.

Teri Palmer (Sullivan County Transportation) – Everything is in place for the Lebanon/Claremont Route 120 bus route. The progress is on hold until COVID-19 cases decline. Possible stops include: the parking lot near the Visitor on North Street in Claremont; Kimball Union Academy in Meriden; Lebanon Green/Colburn Park; Dartmouth Coach; and DHMC. The second phase of this effort will be a bus route from Claremont to Newport to I89 to Hanover. Dick Jones mentioned potential challenges with parking at new bus stops.

Rob Taylor (Enfield)– The Enfield Skating Club cleared a path on Mascoma Lake for public ice skating.

William Rose (NHDOT) – NHDOT is reviewing Ten Year Plan project submissions from the RPCs. The 2021-2024 STIP update is completed and will be coming out soon. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has been announced and letters of interest are due to NHDOT by February 5th.

VI. Other Business

Meghan Butts mentioned that UVLSRPC is starting to plan the 2021 field work season. If any communities are interested in assessments for sidewalks, culverts, or road surface please reach out to UVSLRPC staff.

VII. Adjourn

Dick Jones moved to adjourn and Teri Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:06PM.

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