

**Mad River Valley Planning District**  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
**June 21, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**  
**General Wait House**

Present were:

Fayston: Jared Cadwell, Selectboard

Waitsfield: Jon Jamieson, Selectboard; Steve Shea, Planning Commission

Warren: Bob Ackland, Selectboard; Dan Raddock, Planning Commission

Sugarbush: Jim Westhelle

MRV Chamber of Commerce: Peter MacLaren

Guests: Phoebe Howe (Efficiency Vermont); Sandy Macys (MRV Television)

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm. Bob Ackland, Chair, brought the meeting to order.

**I. Adjustments to the Agenda**

1. None

**II. Public Comment**

1. None

**III. Accept Minutes of 5/17/18 Steering Committee Meeting**

1. Peter recommended removing a second "the" in line 4 of Public Comment. Jared moved to accept the minutes as amended, Jon seconded the motion.

**IV. New Business**

- a) **Zero Energy Modular (ZEM) Systems** Presentation by Phoebe Howe of Efficiency Vermont: background – Phoebe has met with Kristine K./MRVPD and MRV Affordable Housing Coalition in recent months to assess MRV affordable/work force housing needs. Phoebe presented a very thorough and informative PowerPoint on ZEM. Link here: <https://goo.gl/r834Ne>. Discussion followed which resulted in the Committee's strong support for continued collaboration with ZEM/MRV town, housing developers/Downstreet and MRVPD Housing working group.
- b) **Rt. 100/17 Traffic Counter** – Joshua presented background on MOU's stipulation for traffic counters on German Flats/Route 17, Sugarbush Access and Route 17/100. One counter is currently broken. Question is, who's responsibility is it to repair and maintain it? After much discussion the Steering Committee moved and accepted the recommendation that Joshua write a letter urging VTrans to take over the counter at Route 100/17.
- c) **MRVPD Purchasing Policy** - Bob A. and Joshua presented a draft of a MRVPD Purchasing Policy – after discussion the Policy was approved as written unanimously.
- d) **MRVPD Community Planner Vacancy** - Bob A., Jon J., Jared C., who comprise the Exec Committee, and Joshua S. are interviewing good candidates. Will complete interview process on 6.25.18 and plan to make an offer immediately upon completion of the interview process.

**V. Staff Report**

- a) Joshua reviewed the many projects that he is now managing/tracking on his own (Kristine K. having departed on June 13). Highlights:

- a. **MRValley TAC** – ridership affected by snowfall during 17-18 winter season. Mobile app was frequently malfunctioning. (Note: Peter MacLaren will reach out to Green Mt. Transit to emphasize importance of “real-time” mobile app)
- b. **CVRPC Rep**: Eric Vorwald has left to take a position in Winooski. Awaiting word from CVRPC regarding replacement rep to MRVPD.
- c. **Waitsfield west Sidewalk Project**: with Kristine’s departure there has been a smooth handoff of project management to Trevor Lashua/Waitsfield Town Administrator.
- d. **Sugarbush Access Road Path&Inferno Road Scoping Studies**: Bob A. and Joshua commented that the next phase of this project is in the Warren SB’s hands for action. Scoping study was completed in Feb. 2017. State funding for the next phase (Design/Construction) this project is available but matching formula may gradually decrease. Sugarbush is key part of this initiative.
- e. **Housing**: MRV Housing Coalition heard a pitch from Joan Cnossen regarding a potential Senior Housing project on Airport Rd/Waitsfield – the identified parcel is adjacent to Fly-in Condos on Airport Rd. Joan C. has been working closely with TJ Kingsbury. Don Simonini facilitated the meeting and is willing to assist MRVPD’s efforts until Kristine’s replacement is hired.
- f. **Recreation**: Joshua gave an update on the MRV Unified Trailhead Kiosk and Mapping Project. Delivery of the first kiosk (Scrag Mt Town Forest) was scheduled for June 22 and the Waitsfield CC will install soon thereafter. Joshua’s expectation is that the timeline for future installation will stay on schedule. Joshua reminded the Steering Committee that there is a \$8.5K match that remains to be raised from a combination of grant/private fund-raising. \*\*another project requiring immediate successor for Kristine K.\*\*
- g. **MRV Backcountry Ski/Bike/Hike Coalition** – Joshua indicated that Kristine was working to re-vitalize this group....discussion followed about the big upside to this initiative in light of significant buzz around off road biking, backcountry skiing, tie-ins with Catamount Trail Association, VAST, Blueberry Lake Trail Network etc. This initiative must keep moving forward.
- h. **GIS Mapping**: Jared will reach out to Doug Mosle/Fayston Lister to insure that Fayston’s online system is up and running.

**VI. Next Meeting** - Next Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 7p.m., General Wait House – please note that there will be no August meeting.

Jon moved to adjourn, Peter seconded. Meeting closed at 9 pm.

**Your Humble Servant,**  
**Jared Cadwell, Sec/Treasurer, MRVPD**