

Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee
February 6, 2018 Draft Minutes

6:00-8:00 PM
Memorial Room, City Hall

Members Present: Stephen Falbel, Jennifer Gordon, Jonathan Harries, Anthony Mennona, Celia Riechel, Constantinos Stivaros, Heather Voisin,

Members Absent: Chris Loyer, Mark Provost, Amber Collett

City Staff: Corey Line, Department of Public Works; and Kevin Casey, Department of Planning

City Council: Dona Bate

Minutes recorded by Dan Costin.

Meeting opened by Chair Gordon at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of January Minutes - January minutes were amended to change Jon Copans to be Jon Kaplan: MOTION to approve January minutes as amended by Heather Voisin seconded by Dona Bate; all in favor.

Agenda - Corey Line will first talk about the Main St Barre St Study. The second DPW agenda item will be an update on existing projects and will include the VTRANS flashing crosswalk sign status. Heather Voisin asked to add an agenda item about the proposed state registration of bicycles, and an agenda item on status of the Montpelier/Roxbury School Board transportation.

Public Comment – no members of public present.

Short-term bike parking policy status – Dona Bate presented the policy to the City Council. It was well received and will be put into effect with a minor wording change. The wording was changed to make it clear that the bike racks are not only available to businesses. The wording has been changed by Heather Voisin, and Corey Line will get it up on the city website in a few days. Celia Riechel will do social media outreach after the city does a formal announcement on Front Porch Forum.

Electing Committee Officers - Dona Bate asked who is interested in serving as an officer. Amber Collett recently took on the job of Secretary. Celia Riechel expressed an interest in Vice-Chair. Jennifer Gordon expressed an interest in continuing as Chair. Heather Voisin moved and Anthony Menona seconded a motion to approve the slate of Jenn Gordon (Chair), Celia Riechel (Vice-Chair), and Amber Colette (Secretary). All in favor.

Plan Meeting with Jason Van Dreische from Local Motion - Jennifer Gordon solicited things to ask or discuss with Jason Van Dreische from Local Motion. He would be coming to the meeting next month. In what ways can we cooperate with this organization, which is now a statewide.

- What could they do for us?
- What resources do they have?
- How are they prioritizing projects?
- How is Burlington dealing with parking issues?
- The Local Motion website has project descriptions with support buttons. How do they do this?
- Could Local Motion help with complete streets events?

The committee decided to invite the the Complete Streets Committee to the next meeting. Jennifer Gordon will contact Gary Halloway. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13

Complete Streets update - Kevin Casey sent out the latest draft of chapters 1-3 and some additional information. Stu Serota of Alta is working on the document and simplified the street topologies. Also the graphics were simplified to show a profile view, and not a composite profile and plan. Terminology was changed to de-emphasize minimal conformance to Complete Streets. Kevin Casey would like Stu Serota to provide some insight into the categorization of new roads. Dona Bate would like the document to discuss creative options that we might need in our community, which has many streets with little room for expansion. Committee members should send comments on the draft by Monday to Kevin Casey. If concerns about the draft are significant, please contact Jennifer Gordon, so the issues can be placed on the agenda of our next meeting.

Main Street - Barre Street Scoping Study Steering Committee - MTIC members participating in the steering committee include: Dona Bate, Jonathan Harries, Celia Riechel, Constantinos Stivaros, and Heather Voisin. The steering committee has met with DuBois and King, Consultants, and is working on public outreach. This will be done in time for town meeting day. City employee Jamie Granfield will do public outreach. Corey Line will contact Jon Kaplan of VTRANS for help with public input.

DPW update on existing projects – Corey Line provided an update on existing projects:. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons: The City matching funds from for the installation of several rectangular rapid flashing beacons in Montpelier at locations such as Elm St. however that approval was recently rescinded due to a patent issue. Corey Line presented two options for flashing crosswalk beacons: One had a large single light. The other had 5 small lights. A motion to approve the purchase of the flashing crosswalk beacons with 5 small lights was made

by Dona Bate and seconded by Dan Costin. The motion passed with one abstention by Constantinos Stivaros.

Action Items from Last Meeting:

- Corey Line will inquire about additional signage options for Terrace St. Status is not complete.
- Evaluation Rubric: Celia Riechel met with others on the committee to draft rubric. It needs more work. Chair Gordon will add discussion of the rubric draft to the March 2018 MTIC meeting agenda.

Next meeting: March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. or maybe 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:40 p.m.