

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Board Members Present:

Maurice Germain, chairman; term expires 2/28/2014
Timothy Hayward, term expires 2/28/2013
Nick Marro, term expires 2/28/2013
Charles Bucknam Jr., term expires 2/28/2013
Arthur Sanborn, term expires 2/28/2012
Wesley Hrydziusko, term expires 2/28/2012
Robin Stern, term expires 2/28/2012

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Thomas Viall, Interim Executive Secretary
Donna Holden, Administrative Assistant
Prospective Candidates

Call to Order:

The Chair, Maurice Germain, called the Wednesday, February 1, 2012 meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., which was held in the AOT 3rd Floor Conference Room, at One National Life Drive Montpelier, VT.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1: Discuss Interview Protocol

In an effort to conduct a fair and competitive process the Board reviewed the list of questions prepared for the following interviews and discussed their process.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

2.1 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1)

At 10:00 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313 to interview Executive Secretary candidates.

Mr. Viall and Mrs. Holden were invited into the executive session.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board exited executive session.

3. ACT ON CAMBRIDGE HEARING ORDER – TB 391

Mr. Germain and Mr. Hayward served as hearing officers and provided a summary of the events. Mr. Germain reported the order, which was signed on January 11th, granted payment of \$10.00 to the utilities involved.

On a motion by Mr. Sanborn seconded by Mr. Hrydziusko, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Cambridge Hearing Order, dated January 11, 2012, as recommended.

4. ACT ON ESSEX HEARING ORDER – TB 394

Mr. Germain and Mr. Hayward served as hearing officers and provided a summary of the events. Mr. Germain reported the order, which would be signed effective upon Board approval, was in support of the Agency's position to grant a total payment of \$1,600.00 (involving three parcels) to the affected land owner.

On a motion by Mr. Sanborn seconded by Mr. Hrydziusko, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Essex Hearing order, dated January 30, 2012, as recommended.

5. DISCUSS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

On a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Mr. Hrydziusko, the Board unanimously voted to delegate authority the Board Chair to approve the Interim Executive Secretary monthly invoices, pursuant to the Board approved Personal Service Contract.

6. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Viall and Mr. Hayward reported on their January 27th legislative visits to the House and Senate Transportation Committees. Mr. Viall advised the meetings were well received and the Committee's were looking forward to feed-back from the Board's annual public meetings, which are required pursuant to statute, and to be conducted in cooperation with the Agency.

Mr. Viall also provided a Legislative update, specifically regarding H.523 Condemnation process, (see <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Intro/H-523.pdf>). The Board expressed their desire to be heard on the matter, and skepticism that the process would be more "streamlined" if they were eliminated from the process.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CONTINUED)

7.1 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1)

At 12:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313 to interview Executive Secretary candidates.

Mr. Viall was invited into the executive session.

At 3:59 p.m. the Board exited executive session.

8. ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Sanborn seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Viall
Interim Executive Secretary

Next Board Meeting:

**February 6, 2012 9:30 a.m.
AOT 4th Floor Conference Room #1**

**February 23, 2012 10:00 a.m.
AOT 4th Floor Conference Room #2**