

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING JULY 19, 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 2/28/2015
Robin Stern, term expires 2/28/2015
Wesley Hrydziusko, term expires 2/28/2015

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

John Zicconi, Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

The Chairman, Maurice Germain, called the Thursday, July 19, 2012 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., which was held via conference call. Mr. Marro and Mr. Zicconi gathered in the AOT 3rd Floor Conference Room, at One National Life Drive Montpelier, VT. Other Board members participated by phone.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Approve the Minutes of March 15, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Marro seconded by Mr. Hayward, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012, meetings, as submitted.

1.2 Executive Secretary's Update

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that all future expense reports must be signed by Board members. In the past, the Executive Secretary was able to sign for members, but that practice no longer is viable.

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that he and VTrans agreed that both September 6 and September 7 would be set aside a compensation hearing dates regarding the Morrystown Bypass. While both days may not be needed, all hearing officers agreed to clear their calendars to accommodate both dates.

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that he and Chairman Germain agreed that he would close the Transportation Board office the week of August 6-10 for the purpose of taking a vacation. While away, Mr. Zicconi said he would monitor email and be available by cell phone should any Board member need to reach him.

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that following the meeting, he will meet with the transportation representatives from Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions regarding the Board's upcoming fall public hearings. Mr. Zicconi will then meet with representatives from VTrans on July 25. The purpose of these meetings is to identify topics to be discussed during the fall hearings, as well as locations at which to hold the hearings. Ms. Stern said that it had been awhile since a hearing was held in Brattleboro. Other Board members identified Milton, South Burlington, Chester, Island Pond, Bellows Falls, Randolph, Wolcott, Brandon and Castleton as places where recent hearings were held.

Mr. Zicconi reminded everyone that on August 13, he and Mr. Hrydziusko will hold a public hearing at the Hubbardton Town Offices regarding Hubbardton's request to join the Stone Valley Byway. Following the

hearing, he and Mr. Hrydziusko will report their findings to the Board at its August meeting, where the Board will discuss the merits of Hubbardton's request.

1.3 August Board Meeting Date

The Board usually meets the third Thursday of each month, but in August of 2012 that date is Bennington Battle Day, which is a state holiday.

On a motion by Mr. Marro seconded by Mr. Bucknam, the Board unanimously voted to observe the holiday and change its August meeting date to the fourth Thursday, which is August 23, 2012. The meeting will take place in the VTrans 5th floor Board Room at 9:30 a.m.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Review Status and Plan Assignments for Pending Cases

The Board reviewed the pending case spreadsheet. No new or assignment changes were necessary.

2.2 TB-352 – Coutu Certificate of Approval and Decision & Order

At 9:53 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Stern seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board unanimously voted to enter executive session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313, to deliberate.

Mr. Zicconi was invited into the executive session.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board exited executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board voted to approve the Certificate of Approval. Mr. Sandborn abstained. All others voted in favor.

On a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board voted to approve the Decision & Order. Mr. Sandborn abstained. All others voted in favor.

The Board then instructed Mr. Zicconi to prepare the final documents for the signature of the Chairman.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Round Table

Nothing was discussed.

4. ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Marro seconded by Mr. Hrydziusko, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zicconi
Executive Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:
August 23, 2012 -- 9:30 a.m.
AOT 5rd Floor Board Room**