

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Board Members Present:

Timothy Hayward, term expires 2/28/2013
Nick Marro, term expires 2/28/2013
Charles Bucknam Jr., term expires 2/28/2013
James Fitzgerald, term expires 2/28/2015
Robin Stern, term expires 2/28/2015
Wesley Hrydziusko, term expires 2/28/2015

Board Members Absent:

Maurice Germain, Chairman; term expires 2/28/2014

Others Present:

John Zicconi, Executive Secretary
John Dunleavy, Assistant Attorney General
William Rice, Assistant Attorney General
Bruce Melvin, VTrans, Acquisition Chief
Karen Williams, VTrans Appraisal Chief
Robert White, Head of VTrans Right-of-Way Unit
Charles Ferry, VTrans Review Appraiser

Call to Order:

Acting as Chair, Timothy Hayward called the Thursday, September 20, 2012 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., which was held in the AOT 3rd Floor Conference Room at One National Life Drive Montpelier, VT.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Approve the Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Marro seconded by Mr. Hrydziusko, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting as submitted.

With the Board's permission, agenda item 1.3 H.523 Condemnation Training was moved ahead of agenda item 1.2 Executive Secretary's Update.

1.3 H.523 Condemnation Training

For the next three hours and 53 minutes, Vermont Agency of Transportation staff provided the Board condemnation and appraisal training as is required by Vermont Statute and spelled out in the bill H.523 as approved by the Vermont Legislature during its 2012 session. The training involved education regarding the methodology of condemnation appraisals, Vermont law that governs the determination of damages resulting from a condemnation for a state highway project, and the provisions of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Properties Act related to the determination of damages.

1.2 Executive Secretary's Update

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that he had a personnel matter to discuss, and requested that the Board go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 § 313 to discuss the matter.

On a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board unanimously voted at 1:23 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Zicconi was invited to attend the executive session.

At 1:36 p.m. the Board exited executive session.

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 Fall Public Hearings

Mr. Zicconi presented a proposed schedule for the Board's upcoming fall hearings, which will be held in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, St. Johnsbury, White River and Winooski. Ms. Stern said that she could not be available on the proposed Brattleboro date, and told Mr. Zicconi that she would get back to him with an alternative suggestion. All other Board members said they could attend their assigned hearings as proposed.

2.3 TB-389 Blow & Cote Deliberation (if necessary)

No deliberation was deemed necessary.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Round Table

No Board members had anything to discuss

4. ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Marro seconded by Mr. Bucknam, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zicconi
Executive Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:
October 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
AOT 3rd Floor Conference Room**