

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2015

Board Members Present:

Nick Marro, Chairman, term expires 2/28/2016
William Tracy Carris, term expires 2/28/2017
David Coen, term expires 2/28/18
Richard Bailey, term expires 2/28/18
Tom Dailey, term expires 2/28/2016

Board Members Absent:

Larry Bruce, term expires 2/28/2018
Vanessa Kittell, term expires 2/28/2016

Others Present:

John Zicconi, Board Executive Secretary
Robin Stern, Esq
Diane Gordon
Steve Gordon
Randy Johnson, Dover Police Chief
Rich Werner, West Dover Fire Chief
Kevin Morse, w/Brady Sullivan
Jared Laufman, w/Brady Sullivan
Marc Pinnd, w/Brady Sullivan
Shane Brady, w/Brady Sullivan
Scott Fortney, VTrans Aviation
Brian Pinsonaalt, VTrans Aviation
Louise Severance
Herb Childs
Richard Severance
Bob Harrington
Jo Lanzetta
Even Chadwick
Jeff Langendorff
Debbie Langendorff
Alyce Diamond

Call to Order:

Chairman Marro called the Wednesday, December 16, 2015 meeting to order at 1:44 p.m., which was held in the Deerfield South Meeting Room at Mount Snow Resort, 89 Grand Summit Way, West Dover, Vermont.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Site Visit to helipad location proposed for Snow Vidda Loop, West Dover

Prior to the meeting, the Board held a site visit at the proposed location of a helipad for Snow Vidda Loop.

1.2 TB-444 hearing for helipad application of Brady-Sullivan SV LLC

The Board held a two-hour hearing on the application of Brady-Sullivan SV, LLC. The Hearing was recorded, and the Board eventually will issue a decision that spells out details of the case. For more information, or a copy of the recording, please contact the Board's office at 802-328-2942.

1.3 Review/Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting

On a motion by Mr. Coen seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Board meeting as submitted.

1.4 TB-406 Monsalvat Farm helipad Certificate of Operation

The Board provided this helipad in the Town of Barnard a Certificate of Approval in November of 2013. The Board's approval process contains two steps: 1) a Certificate of Approval, and 2) a Certificate of Operation. The Certificate of Approval contained conditions the applicant must meet before applying for a Certificate of Operation.

On September 24, 2015 the Federal Aviation Administration provided the applicant a Determination of Landing Area Proposal, which considers matters such as the effects that the proposal would have on the existing or planned traffic patterns of neighboring airports, the effects it would have on the existing airspace, the effects it would have on the safety of persons and property on the ground, and the effects on existing or proposed manmade objects. The FAA concluded the proposed landing area will not adversely affect any of these things, and determined that use of the landing area, if limited to private use, would be safe.

Mr. Fortney told the Board that VTrans examined the helipad post construction and determined that it met all of the conditions outlined in its Certificate of Approval and that it conforms to minimum safety standards and is capable of serving the public interest specified in 5 V.S.A, Chapter 9 § 207.

On a motion by Mr. Dailey seconded by Mr. Marro, the Board voted to issue the helipad constructed by Monsalvat Farm a Certificate of Operation.

1.5 Executive Secretary's Report

TB-422 FairPoint Claim: Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that FairPoint and VTrans have informed him that they have reached a settlement therefore there is not need for the Board to hold hearings on January 14 and January 15 as scheduled. Instead, the Board will hold its regularly monthly meeting on January 14.

TB-416 G. Stone Motors: Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that G. Stone Motors and General Motors informed him that settlement talks were unsuccessful and that a hearing will need to be scheduled. Mr. Zicconi said that he and the Board's prehearing team will meet with the parties next week to discuss where the prehearing process was left prior to its four-month pause to allow the parties to discuss settlement.

On a motion by Mr. Coen seconded by Mr. Carris, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Dailey Acting Chairman for all prehearing matters related to TB-416 G. Stone Motors vs. General Motors. Mr. Marro did not participate in either the discussion or the vote as he has recused himself from TB-416 due to a conflict.

1.6 TB-438 Sienko Small Claim

This \$1,332 claim was filed with the Board in September, and involves the alleged striking of a traffic cone and attached sandbag along Interstate 89 in Essex. The claimant on November 9, 2015 asked the Board to dismiss his claim.

On a motion by Mr. Bailey seconded by Coen unanimously voted to dismiss TB-439 Small Claim of Stanley Sienko.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 2015 Annual Report

Mr. Zicconi reminded the Board that he has provided them drafts of 3 chapters of the 2015 annual report, and by week's end he plans to provide them two more. He stressed that Board members need to review the drafts ASAP and provide both feedback and suggested edits as the deadline to print is mid January.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Round Table

No one had any issues to discuss

4. ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Bailey seconded by Mr. Coen, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zicconi
Executive Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:
TBD**