

VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MAY 19, 2023

Board Members Present:

David Coen, term expires 2/28/24
Richard Bailey, term expires 2/28/24
Pam Loranger, term expires 2/28/25
Philip Zalinger, term expires 2/28/25
Tim Hayward, term expires 2/28/23
Wendy Harrison, term expires 2/28/25
Mark Nicholson, term expires 2/28/25

Board Members Absent:

none

Others Present:

John Zicconi, Board Executive Secretary
Ron Shems, Board Attorney

Call to Order:

Chair David Coen called the February 21, 2023 meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., which was held at in Room 410 at 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Review/Approve Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Meeting

On a motion by Ms. Loranger seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Board meeting with corrections.

1.2 TB-518, TB-520 & TB-521, TB-522 & TB-523 Airplane Hangar Disputes – Deliberation

At 10:25 a.m. the Board on a motion by Ms. Loranger, seconded by Mr. Bailey and approved unanimously entered into deliberative/executive session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313, to discuss TB-518, TB-520, TB-521, TB-522, and TB-523 as well TB-457 (see 1.4 Below) and a personnel matter (see 1.5 below).

Mr. Zicconi was invited to join the entire deliberative session, while Mr. Shems was invited to join the part of the deliberative session related to all but the personnel matter.

The Board exited deliberative/executive session at 11:35 a.m. No action was taken on any of the agenda items discussed in deliberative/executive session.

1.3 TB-519 John Hazen Lane Farm Crossing – Update from Mark

Mr. Nicholson, who at a previous Board meeting was appointed hearing officer for TB-519, informed the Board that the New England Central Railroad and the Hazen family are discussing how a new crossing could be created so that heavy machinery can access the Hazen property. While the parties originally thought an agreement could be reached by spring, the RR has now asked for additional time so that it can properly survey and engineer a new crossing. The Hazens supported the additional time, which Mr. Nicholson granted. An update is expected in the fall.

1.4 TB-457 Roback v Washington County Railroad – Deliberation

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1.5 Executive Secretary Hiring – Possible Executive Session

See 1.2 above as the Board unanimously entered deliberative/executive session to discuss these agenda Items.

1.6 TB-514 Royalton Petition Withdrawal

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that the New England Central Railroad has completed its voluntary instillation of lights and bars at the railroad crossing in Royalton, and as a result the Town of Royalton has informed the Board that it wants to withdraw its petition asking the Board to order such instillation. Back in the fall of 2022, the Board ordered the town's petition held in abeyance to allow the Amtrak.

On a motion by Mr. Bailey seconded by Ms. Loranger, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Town of Royalton's request to withdraw its petition and to close the case.

1.7 Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Zicconi had nothing to report.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 None

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Round Table

No one had anything to discuss.

4. ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Hayward seconded by Ms. Loranger, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zicconi
Executive Secretary

Next Board Meeting: June 14, 2023