

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2020

4:00 PM

Remote Via Zoom

Members Present: Van Chesnut (Advance Transit, Chair), Dick Jones (Vice Chair, Lyme), Scott Osgood (Claremont), Patricia Higgins (UVLSRPC Commissioner), Liz Emerson (Charlestown), Jeremy Clay (Claremont), Jim Donison (Lebanon), Bob Harrington (New London), Teri Palmer (Sullivan County Transportation), William Rose (NHDOT, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance)

Staff Present: Alex Belenzs, Meghan Butts

I. Call to Order

Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. Action on Minutes from July 14, 2020

Dick Jones moved to approve the minutes. Liz Emerson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Ten Year Plan – Preliminary Project Ranking

Staff gave a presentation on the five Ten Year Plan applications. The Committee briefly discussed each project and score provided by the Scoring Committee. The Scoring Committee met in September and did a detailed review and rank of all submitted projects based on statewide project evaluation criteria. The Committee consisted of Dick Jones (Lyme), Liz Emerson (Charlestown), and Bethany Fleishman (Vital Communities). After reviewing all projects and scores, members did not express any disagreements with the Scoring Committee's initial rankings.

Dick Jones made a motion that the Transportation Advisory Committee submit the top 4 ranked projects; Claremont Phase I, Claremont Phase II, Canaan Route 4 and Roberts Road, and Canaan Rail Trail Bridges, to NHDOT for review. Patricia Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and materials can be found at this link

<https://www.uvlsrc.org/projects/committees-related-to-projects/transportation-advisory-committee/>

IV. Member Updates

- Van Chesnut – Van reported that Advance Transit (AT) has been and continues to provide full service throughout the pandemic. AT has completed its efforts in installing plastic partitions within the buses for added safety as well mask and face covering reminders for riders. Van reported that the Red line serving West Lebanon still remains very active.
- Teri Palmer – Teri reported that Sullivan County Transportation (SCT) is still operating 100% of its routes throughout the pandemic. SCT has installed shower curtains to protect drivers and have outfitted a new bus with plastic partitions for increased safety. Teri reported that recently some riders have refused to wear masks which has caused conflict with other riders. SCT is still working of finalizing plans for the Lebanon Route.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. Adjourn

Dick Jones moved to adjourn. Teri Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 4:50 PM.