MRVPD LOT Subcommittee Minutes

November 14, 2019 2:05 p.m.

Waitsfield Town Office

Members Present:

Peter MacLaren, Bob Ackland, Darryl Forrest, Jared Cadwell, Don Simonini, Kellee Mazer.

Public: Tony Italiano, Mad River Valley TV, Mike Noble, Sal Spinosa, Damon Reed

1. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Damon Reed asked to speak under “Other Business”
2. Approved Minutes of October 21, 2019.
3. Communications – Committee reviewed LOT Town/City roster and assigned members for research/interviews of each town’s LOT reps. Don will update by Monday the current outline questions to help with the planned dialog. Mike will collate research into a coherent document for distribution to the public, to be reviewed by the committee no later than mid-January. Don S. asked if MRVTV could be enlisted for on camera interviews. Tony I. (MRVTV) indicated that it would be possible for the committee to borrow equipment for remotely location video interviews. Sal S. asked that the interview questions be posted on the MRV/LOT website. Committee agreed to do so.
4. Other business:

---- Damon Reed spoke eloquently to the matter of 70/30 local/state LOT revenue split. Discussion ensued that the Subcommittee should invite our local state legislature reps (Maxine Gradd and Kari Dolan) to the next meeting in order to advocate and support legislation that would reduce the state share of the LOT receipts. Jared C. will reach out to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal staff to learn the origins of the state share and whether any legal challenges have occurred. Don S. offered that the 70/30 split will still generate a substantial revenue stream for local projects and our planning has of course assumed that split. Any future change should be thought of as upside.

---- Bob A. reported that he and Jared C. had a very productive meeting with reps from the Friends of the Mad River BOD (Richard Czaplinski and Kinny Perot). They understood that grant making standards should be aspirational and realistic.

----Darryl F. reported that the Waitsfield SB next Monday night will receive a legal review of the MOU document. Bob A. and Jared C. will send Darryl the Warren and Fayston legal reviews for comparison.

1. Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 1 p.m.
2. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jared Cadwell