

Burlington Walk/Bike Council
Minutes of 5/22/14 Meeting

Present: Erik Brotz (facilitating), Phil Hammerslaugh, Stu Lindsay, Tony Redington, Curt McCormack, Steve Norman (minutes)

Agenda: Given the small attendance and the fact that all present except the featured guest (Curt) are on the steering committee we deferred the agenda and the minutes will briefly summarize Curt's main points:

Money is often NOT the real issue; inertia and bureaucracy are.

Southern Connector: if there are helpful federal requirements of any kind, build your case on those. Together with some activists and community support, the State people can provide support vs. the feds.

Vermont's 'sprawl' bill passed this year, increasing the exemption from Act 250 for development projects to 175 units, for large towns with their own zoning bylaws. Also, the standards for downtown traffic flow-through were lowered, i.e., people don't expect to breeze through VT downtowns as fast as they used to.