



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City
Richard Stahl

St. Albans Town
Randy Chadburn

Swanton
Vacant

Fairfield
Jane Williams

Sheldon
Dianne Crane

Enosburg Town
Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire
Carol Hickey

Richford
Vacant

VAST
Mark Bushey

At Large
Don Mueller
Alisha Sawyer
David Stanley

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of
6Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 20, 2023 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Ellen Stanley, Don Mueller, Mark Bushey, Randy Chadburn, Richard Stahl, Jane Williams, Bill Gray (Vtrans), Kyle Grenier, Kathy Lavoie and Amy Adams.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

R. Stahl moved to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2023; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

Updates

- **Trail Season 2023 (B. Gray, Vtrans):** B. Gray has mowing contracts in place for the season, first mowing is scheduled for May 29-Jun9, second mowing is Aug 14-Aug 25, this will cover both MVRT and LVRT. J. Cassino is working on the LVRT website. State is working on resolving the encroachment issue at the section in Enosburg with Bates Farm, Home and Garden. Preparing for another cut back from Sheldon to Richford in preparation for the resurfacing project as well as staying on top of ditching, culverts and drainage. Resurfacing project is from Richford to St. Albans, which includes the extension down to Lower Newton Road, this would include removing the current trailhead in St. Albans and establishing it to Lower Newton Road. Enosburg Bridge past Maplefields the bank needs to be restablized.
- **LVRT-** K. Lavoie updated that the RPC's across LVRT have met once. They are putting together a list to discuss the LVRT website, RT Councils, social media amongst the trail. The RPC's feel like they need to stay ahead of the activities that are going to want to be planned once the trail official opens. They will reach out to Market and Tourism to market the trail and would like to work with the Governor's office for the grand opening of the trail.
- **Green Up Day-May 6th** – A. Adams will have bags available. R. Chadburn will do the St. Albans Trailhead area, R. Stahl will do Green's Corner area, J. Williams will take care of the Maplefields area in Enosburg.
- **VAST-** M. Bushey said they groomed 5 times this season, not a great season.
- **OTHER BUSINESS** – Northern Forest Canoe Trail-Peddle/Paddle event July 15th coordinate volunteers. D. Stanley asked about LVRT Facebook page to keep updates and random activities available, Vtrans has stated they will not have a social media page. R. Chadburn asked about mile markers for LVRT, B. Gray commented that there is a complete signing project possibly this summer. A discussion regarding the May 27th rail trail event by the Franklin County Mountain Bike Club raised concerns about the amount of extra traffic it would generate during the Memorial Day weekend. As well as

regular increased road traffic. Andy Crossman who is heading this event up has been in contact with Jackie Casino who has laid out all the safety concerns and the protocol for holding a large event on the trail. B. Gray has worked with J. Casino for all the road crossing concerns and what will be needed for volunteers to help monitor these areas. J. Casino will review the Special Use Permit once A. Crossman has everything that Vtrans has requested in place. B. Gray explained the process for future events and the requirements that will have to be met for large events to take place on any of the trails. The Council gathered the concerns and a letter will be written by D. Stanley and sent to the group so that concerns can be addressed regarding safety and increased use of the trail during the holiday.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ May 15, 2023 _____