

# NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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### APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City Jim Smith

St. Albans Town Robert Bessette

Swanton Betsy Fournier

Fairfield Jane Williams

Sheldon Marie Brouillette

**Enosburg Town**Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire Carol Hickey

> Richford Levi Irish

VAST Mark Bushey

At Large Don Mueller Alisha Sawyer David Stanley Cynthia Scott

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of Transportation

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, & Recreation

## Minutes of Meeting held Monday, November 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting

**Present:** Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Amy Adams, Cynthia Scott, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Ellen Stanley, Don Mueller and Bethany Remmers.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021; seconded by D. Stanley. Motion passed.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021 financial report (Jul 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2021). M. Bushey moved to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports as presented; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

#### **UPDATES**

- MVRT T-Shirts- E. Stanley is exploring an online option with Custom Ink so that shirts can be shipped directly to the customer. The front of the shirt will have the snowflake logo and, on the back, will be the full MVRT logo. Discussion about availability and quantity. Also, a discussion about working with Mountain View Printing for local service and opening up an online option. E. Stanley will do some follow-up and update the Council in January.
- Season Wrap-up Vtrans trail maintenance did an excellent job this season. Both
  mowings kept the trail cut back nicely. The ditching near Franklin Foods in
  Enosburg has been completed. Thanks to the Council for trimming around
  benches, tables and sign in boxes as well as maintaining the tables. New bench
  has been placed at the Kane Road area.
- VAST M. Bushey updated that the plaque in memory of David Underwood have been put up for the season on the trail. The club have been cutting back brush on the LVRT back toward Fairfield and they will finish putting up signage by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. The picnic tables have been fixed as well.

#### OTHER BUSINESS -

- C. Scott is resigning from the Council as of December 31, 2021, she has been involved in the trail in one form or another since 1998! Cynthia will coordinate with whomever is the new Treasurer. Thank you, Cynthia, you will be missed.
- B. Remmers discussed with the Council a meeting that was had with Vtrans about them developing a management plan for the trail, including LVRT since the VAST

lease is ending soon. Vtrans will be hiring a consultant and would encourage the Council's input on what is working or not working. They would like to have the plan completed by summer.

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Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 17,2022.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.