



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

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Phyllis Tiffany

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Mark Bushey

At Large
Don Mueller
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David Stanley
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Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, November 20, 2017 Northwest Regional Planning Commission 75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans

Present: Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Jim Smith, Dan Ertel, Ellen Stanley and Amy Adams.

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

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by J. Williams. Motion passed.

UPDATES

- **Maintenance** – Dan Ertel updated the Council on the maintenance of the trail. J.P. Sicard was hired and have been working on filling pot holes and ATV washouts. The boards on the Sheldon Bridge have been replaced. Trees have been cut after the last windstorm, about 30 trees down. Signs have started to be replaced/placed. Bridge at mile 12, designs have been approved, next spring the work will start. No overnight parking signs have been installed at the Trailhead in St. Albans. Mowing is setup for 2018 (2 year contract), first mow in July. Boom mow will be late summer. There was some discussion on resurfacing and the use of a Harley rake on the trail, but funding would have to be found.
- **VAST** – M. Bushey reported that he and Dan Favreau put some gravel on Bridge 12 for easier grooming. VAST signs are up. VAST has used the brush hog from Swanton-Highgate and Sheldon-Fairfield at VAST expense. There was a 30' washout in Sheldon, they used a flatbed trailer and decked over the washout.

LVRT Updates – Ken Brown has been hired as LVRT Trail Manager, replacing Shane Prisby. The Council would like to invite him to the next Council meeting in January.

OTHER BUSINESS – The Council supported writing a letter of support for the Enosburg Better Connections Grant for the Village of Enosburg Falls in partnership with the Town of Enosburgh and the Enosburgh Initiative. J. Williams and E. Stanley will work with RiseVT with putting together Bike “Show Ups”, to ride with others. D. Stanley commented that if others are interested in the Council Chair position, please let the Council know for the Annual meeting in January.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 15, 2018, Annual Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes Approved: *January 15, 2018*