

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR REMOTE MEETING

The Rail Trail Council for the Northwest Vermont Rail Trail will be meeting remotely on
Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Information on how to access the remote meeting:

By computer, smartphone, tablet, or other device: Click on the Zoom meeting invite-
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81125694786>

- You may be prompted to enter a meeting ID: 811 2569 4786.
- Passcode: 900106
- By telephone: Dial +1 646 558 8656. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 811 2569 4786.
Regular toll call/cell phone charges may apply.

All meeting participants will first enter a virtual "waiting room" until the meeting organizer opens the meeting.

Please review our "Informational Handout for Remote Public Meetings" to understand how these electronic meetings will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to Amy Adams at aadams@nrpcvt.com

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote meeting software in advance of the

Agenda:

1. **Minutes** – November 21, 2022 minutes enclosed
2. **Financial Reports** - 4th quarter 2022 financial reports enclosed
3. **NWVT Rail Trail Council Discussion enclosed**
 - a. Review and Rewrite of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation relative to:
 - 1) Officer Positions contained in Bylaws vs Actual
 - 2) Board Membership ~ Municipalities along MVRT & LVRT; Regional Partners with vested interest; inclusion of regional recreation groups and diverse users; At Large & Ex-Officio memberships.
 - 3) Presentation of State & Regional Structure
 - 4) NWVT Rail Trail Council Website & State of Vermont website
4. **Annual Meeting** - Elections of Officers and Members at-large
5. **Updates**
 - **VOREC update**
 - **Future celebration of MVRT (25+ years) & LVRT (opening)**
 - **Enosburgh Rec Event**
 - **LVRT (Jackie C.)**
 - **VAST (M. Bushey)**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Next Meeting** – March 20, 2023

If you cannot attend the meeting, please notify Amy Adams at aadams@nrpcvt.com.

In accordance with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the NRPC will ensure public meeting sites are accessible to all people or provide an opportunity for individuals to request special accommodations. Requests for free interpretive or translation services, assistive devices, or other requested accommodations should be made to Amy Adams, NRPC Title VI Coordinator, at 802-524-5958 or aadams@nrpcvt.com, no later than 3 business days prior to the meeting for which services are requested.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE MEETINGS

Remote Public Meetings

All public body meetings for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission will be conducted remotely via electronic means for the duration of Governor Scott's State of Emergency declaration. Whenever feasible, the public will also be able to access and participate in the remote meetings by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing a Meeting

Please refer to each notice and agenda for information on how to access a remote meeting. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting "room" until granted access to the meeting. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the meeting.

Participation

All meetings will be conducted in accordance with the respective "Rules of Procedure" of each public body, to the extent practicable. The public body will follow its agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed. Initially, the meeting's host/organizer will mute all participants that are not members of the public body. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Chair of the public body. Please review the following guidelines:

- The Chair will invite comment:
 - during the time designated on the agenda for public comment;
 - after the public body discusses each agenda item;
 - before the public body takes action;
 - during any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - other times as determined by the public body.

- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, they must state their name before commenting.

When the public body adjourns the meeting, the host/organizer will end the electronic meeting by turning off/closing the remote meeting software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected. Minutes and other public records that were part of the meeting will be made available in accordance with VT's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

To learn more about Remote Public Meetings and the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Secretary of State's Municipal Assistance webpage at <https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/laws-resources/covid-19-response/>.