



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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Phyllis Tiffany

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At Large
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Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, May 15, 2017

Enosburg Public Safety Building
83 Sampsonville Road, Enosburg Falls, VT

Present: Don Mueller, Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Amy Adams, Jim Smith, Marie Brouillette, Ellen Stanley, Shane Prisby (LVRT), Dan Ertel (VTrans), Bethany Remmers, Robert Bessette, Phyllis Tiffany and Carol Hickey.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

D. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed

Financial Report-

A. Adams presented the 1st quarter 2017 financial report (Jan 1, 2017 – Mar 31, 2017).
M. Bushey moved to accept the 1st quarter report as presented; seconded by M. Brouillette. Motion passed

LVRT Update

Shane Prisby, LVRT Project Manager discussed the developments for the project. The funding is nearing the end of the federal ear mark; VTrans was doing a 50/50 match, met with legislatures to discuss the need for the project, new funding arrangement with VTrans, an 80/20 match through the Bike Ped Program using Federal Highway money. A new website, new branding and new blog information has been created. Construction of Bridge 68 has begun contract ends October 15, 2017 with Blow & Cote from Morrisville. Planning 1C reviewing what is out there for culverts, ditching and working on the pre-planning. The schedule is planning this year, 2018 bid out for 1C (Highgate), ACT 250 Phase 1 for 2019 bid out 2A Sheldon-Cambridge and the next Phase in 2020-21 Morrisville.

VTrans –

Dan Ertel, Property Management Technician discussed his new position with VTrans and the maintenance plans for the 2017 season. They are still in the process of finding contractors; he explained the application process is such a large amount of documents for not a large dollar amount for contracts which has discouraged small contractors from applying. The first mowing is scheduled for mid-June and going to be done by the Contractor the District uses to mow the roadsides. The State is monitoring the bridge wall in Sheldon. The Bridge near mile marker 12 is going to need to be fixed as the rail road ties have shifted underneath the bridge.

UPDATES

- **Paddle/Pedal – June 24th** - volunteers for the event, C. Hickey, J. Williams and C. Scott. A. Adams will pass along the details to Noah Polluck, Northern Forest Canoe Trail.
- **Coordinator –**
 - A. Adams officially welcomed new members Ellen Stanley, for Enosburg Village and Robert Bessette, for St. Albans Town.
 - Jim Smith and A. Adams did an entire check of the trail on April 17th, the trail is in good condition. We cleaned up 7 bags of garbage along the trail. A. Adams shared the list of items with the Council and with VTrans that need addressing, some items that need immediate repairs is the large hole before mile 10.5 across from the Kane Farm, looks like an old culvert. The protective fencing at mile 12 has partially let go, we currently have it flagged off.
- **VAST –** M. Bushey reported Annual VAST meeting will be in September.
- **Kid's Fest 2017 –** An event we can participate in sponsored by the Family Center, takes place on Jun 2, 2017 from 3-6 PM in Taylor Park. The Council agreed on spending \$150 towards a bike and helmet to give away. *D. Stanley made a motion for the expense and seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed*

OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that since Smugg's uses the trail that perhaps we reach out to them for a donation. There was discussion about renting a Harley Rake to bring the surface back to what it once was. D. Stanley suggested donating money towards the LVRT since the State matches donations, B. Remmers suggested waiting until the funding takes off. P. Tiffany is leading a bike outing on Aug 2 on LVRT, meet at Lost Nation Brewery at 10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 17, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Minutes Approved: July 17, 2017