



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, September 16, 2019

Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1

133 Fairfield St, St. Albans, VT

Present: Dave Stanley, Robert Bessette, Carol Hickey, Jane Williams, Don Mueller, Ellen Stanley, Jim Smith, M. Bushey, Greta Brunswick, JP Choquette, Cynthia Scott, Drew Pollack Bruce and Liz Grades, SE Group.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Hickey moved to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting as written; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 2nd quarter 2019 financial report (April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019). M. Bushey moved to accept the 2nd quarter report as presented; seconded by J. Williams. Motion passed.

VTRANS UPDATE

G. Brunswick reported that Keith Schnell has taken another position. Ludwig Pulaski will be the contact in the interim until his position is filled but he will not be attending council meetings.

NBRC GRANT – SE GROUP

- *Draft Kiosk Panel for Enosburg. SE Group presented the draft kiosk panel that was prepared using other grant funds at the intersection of Main St and the MVRT in Enosburg Falls. While the panel was designed using other grant funds, the consultants made use of the color panel and branding developed through this project. It will serve as a first draft for other kiosk panels designed through this project. Council members commented on the letters in the heading Enosburg Falls being capital versus lower case and whether equestrian users should be reflected.*
- *SE Group presented a PowerPoint presentation on a draft branding and identity guide, wayfinding concepts and the trail friendly business program. The presentation can be viewed here: www.mvrailtrail.org/mvrtproject.php. Of note is a proposal to incorporate an interactive map to the new website, which will require an annual fee of \$400 to maintain. Next steps include rolling out the trail friendly business program and deciding which recommendations to spend the implementation funds on.*

UPDATES

- *Coordinator. G. Brunswick read an update for the Council provided by Amy*

Adams. She reported that Joan and Mike Lothian have spent time taking care of the trail over the summer since Amy's absence. There are concerns about holes in the trail, which have been marked with spray paint and ribbon. There are also concerns about beavers doing damage to trees near Hungerford Brook at about mile 2.5ish. It was recommendation that spraying trees with pepper spray can be an effective deterrent.

G. Brunswick reported good news that that trail had been mowed 3 times this year! She also reported that KidsFest was a success and a 9-year-old girl won the bike and helmet donated by the Council.

G. Brunswick also reported that Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation is donating a bench to the trail and that Enosburg Falls has agreed to accept it for the trailhead on Main St, where the kiosk was just placed.

G. Brunswick updated the Committee on an email Amy received from Jon Kaplan related to missing or needed signs along Route 105. There is a specific need for one by the Green's Corner trailhead parking area. The Council noted that there is another sign needed where the trail crosses the Missisquoi River by Devon's.

- VAST: M. Bushey reported stats on VAST usership.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- It was noted that the Green Corner picnic table should be replaced next year.
- It was noted that there are very serious holes north of Enosburg. G. Brunswick will follow up with Amy Adams.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 18, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes Approved: May 18, 2020