

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR REMOTE MEETING

**The Rail Trail Council for the Northwest Vermont Rail Trail will be meeting remotely on
Monday, May 16, 2022 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/84164895193> You may be prompted to enter a meeting ID: 841 6489 5193.
- By telephone: Dial +1 646 558 8656. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 841 6489 5193.

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 meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the meeting, please email aadams@nrpcvt.com**

Agenda:

1. **Minutes** – March 21, 2022 minutes enclosed
2. **Updates**
 - **MVRT T-Shirts**
 - **Trail Friendly Business Update**
 - **Spring Season**
 - **Paddle/Pedal Event – July 16, 2022**
 - **Renew Ride w/ GPS/Interactive Map yearly subscription \$499**
 - **VAST (M. Bushey)**
3. **Other Business**
4. **Next Meeting** – July 18, 2022 (outside meeting/location?)

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/>.



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Planning Commission

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Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 21, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Randy Chadburn, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Bill Gray and Amy Adams.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Hickey moved to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2022; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

UPDATES

Trail Maintenance (W. Gray, Vtrans) – Vtrans has approved the mowing contracts for the season, first mowing mid-June and second mowing around second week of September. MM 12 bridge replacement is in progress for this season. LVRT construction projects are moving forward and completion date still planned for November 2022.

LVRT Maintenance Plan – B. Gray and D. Stanley discussed the stakeholder meeting. Shared Crowdsourc map with ideas that were gathered during the session from local stakeholders. B. Gray shared the LVRT segments and the construction plan schedule. D. Stanley suggested when trail is complete, we should invite a news source to publicize the connection of LVRT and MVRT.

Reminder Green Up Day – May 7th – Volunteers needed for:

- St. Albans Trailhead Parking and St. Albans line – R. Chadburn
- Green's Corner Parking
- Kane Road Parking
- Maplefields section – J. Williams and C. Scott
- Bates – Boston Post Dairy – E. Stanley
- E. Berkshire-Richford – C. Hickey

T-Shirts – E. Stanley is working with Mountain View Printing to collect orders and MVRT will have to setup a pickup location. Plan to promote during May-June 15th.

VAST – M. Bushey commented that it was a slow year with 7 weeks of the season, last year was 11 weeks. The Club lost part of the trail system that was shutdown by a landowner because of inappropriate use by snowmobilers. B. Gray asked about grooming around the Sheldon kiosk and fence, M. Bushey said it was fine to groom around.

OTHER BUSINESS – Discussion about an in-person meeting in July. Plans for a bike ride in July, discuss at the May meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 16, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____



Missisquoi River Paddle-Pedal

Saturday, July 16, 2022 – Richford, Vermont



The 6th annual Missisquoi Paddle-Pedal Race celebrates recreation along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail in northwestern Vermont.

The event combines 6.5 miles of flat-water paddling along the Wild and Scenic Missisquoi River and 4.5 miles of cycling back on the adjacent rail trail. Coinciding with the Richford River Fest, this is a family friendly event for all ages. Your sponsorships will keep this event affordable for all. **Join us and be part of this unique community event!**

Deadline for posters/bib recognition: Monday, May 16th

Pedal Paddle Race Sponsorship Levels			
	Premiere	Supporting	Partner
Contribution Amount	\$1000	\$500	\$250
Number of sponsorship slots	1	4	6
Cobranding with NFCT as lead partner on all publicity materials	•		
Logo on race bibs	•	•	
Logo on race banner, printed ads, poster, website	•	•	
Opportunity to set up a table and display at the event	•	•	•
Business name on poster, website, printed ads	•	•	•
Links on event website	•	•	•
Promotion In social media materials	•	•	•
Acknowledgement In awards ceremony	•	•	•

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Cash and in-kind contributions can be combined to reach desired sponsorship level. Donations can be mailed to Northern Forest Canoe Trail, PO Box 565 Waitsfield VT 05673. For more info, contact Karrie Thomas (802) 496-2285, karrie@northernforestcanoetrail.org