



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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VT Agency of
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Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, July 20, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Mark Bushey, Cynthia Scott, Greta Brunswick, Drew Pollack-Bruce, Liz Grades (SE Group), William Gray (VTrans), Amy Adams, Adelle Brunstad and Shaun Coleman.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2020; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 1st and 2nd quarter 2020 financial report (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020). E. Stanley moved to accept the 1st & 2nd quarter reports as presented; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

VOREC Grant & SE Group Update – Drew Pollack-Bruce and Liz Grades from SE Group provided a slide show of the materials they have been finalizing. Included were the brochures, window clings that will be used in business locations, passport booklets, mile markers, directional signs and parking signs. SE Group is working with VTrans on final approval for sign placement and sign regulations. There was discussion on where the final kiosks will be placed along the trail along where the VOREC grant will help with funding.

UPDATES

- *VTrans Update* – William Gray updated the Council with the mowing's that will take place on the trail during the season, the goal is to do a double mowing bringing the sides back about 5' on both sides. There was discussion regarding the planks that have popped up again on the Sheldon Jct bridge, the possibility of having VTrans and VAST work together. W. Gray and Adelle Brunstad have started working on filling potholes and cutting back trees.
- *Summer Trail Update* – Adelle Brunstad updated the Council with her weekly checks of the trail and working with William Gray on filling potholes. She thanked the Council for taking care of the weed whacking around sign in boxes and benches.
- *Raymond Larose-Dedication-* A. Adams discussed options for what the Council could do on the trail as a dedication for all the years Raymond served on the Council. The Council decided on a plaque in Raymond's memory, a date and location to be determined.

- VAST – M. Bushey commented that TMA's will be all sold online, as the clubs are getting away from local sales. VAST is changing grooming contracts.

OTHER BUSINESS – LVRT-VTrans is moving ahead. Work is being done at the junction of MVRT & LVRT this season. They are working with Bourdeau Brothers for a solution that has the least impact on their business.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, September 21, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Minutes Approved: November 16, 2020

