



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Vacant

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Mark Bushey

At Large
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David Stanley
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VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 20, 2017

Sheldon Elementary School - Library
78 Poor Farm Road, Sheldon, VT

Present: Don Mueller, Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Stacy Carpenter (VDH), Amy Adams, Jim Smith, Cynthia Scott, Marie Brouillette, Ellen Stanley, Maurice Lamothe (VSP), Cory Lozier (VSP), Robert Norris (FCSO) and Amy Brewer (FGITPC).

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATV Concerns- The Council shared with the VT State Police – Cory Lozier & Maurice Lamothe and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office – Robert Norris the concerns with ATV's damaging the trail in the Berkshire and Richford areas. Both departments have policies that restrict law enforcement from pursuing ATV's. The recommendation is that it takes a community to restrict the use and reaching out to local Representatives regarding registration fees.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Brouillette moved to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2017 Annual meeting as written; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

Green Up Day – May 6th

A. Adams will notify volunteers of the areas that need cleanup after the first trip out to check the trail and get green up bags to them. Volunteers include C. Hickey (Berkshire area), C. Scott, J. Williams and E. Stanley (Enosburg Mobil/Cheese Plant areas), and M. Brouillette (Sheldon Jct/Springs). Other items discussed were the possibility of working with VTrans on chipping the down trees along the trail to clean up the sides of the trails.

A discussion with Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition (Amy Brewer) on co-hosting a cigarette butt litter cleanup on the Rail Trail after the first trail mowing in July. A. Brewer and A. Adams will work on the details of publicizing this event and the results after the event.

UPDATES

- **Council's outing in May** - D. Stanley offered to organize a bike outing from Johnson to Morrisville on May 13th. A. Adams will email the details as the date gets closer and share with RiseVT as well as the Department of Health to share at their sites.
- **Coordinator –**
 - A. Adams is preparing to send out the guides to the Welcome Centers.
 - The first round of donation letters have been mailed out and some donations are arriving.

- A letter was written on behalf of the Council to VTrans regarding the maintenance concerns from last year, no response has been received.
- Dave Gilderdale, Rail Program and Project Management of VTrans is retiring in June, Dan Ertel will be his replacement.
- There is currently vacancies in Swanton, St. Albans Town and Enosburg Falls for Rail Trail Members. E. Stanley is interested in the Enosburg Falls vacancy and will notify the Village.

- **VAST** – M. Bushey reported that they groomed about three times this week, but now the snow is melting.

- **LVRT** – Shane Prisby, LVRT Project Manager will be attending the May meeting to update the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Council discussed inviting Dan Ertel to the May meeting to discuss the maintenance plans for the season.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes Approved: *May 15, 2017*