



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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St. Albans Town
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Enosburg Town
Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire
Carol Hickey

Richford
Vacant

VAST
Mark Bushey

At Large
Don Mueller
Alisha Sawyer
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, September 19, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Randy Chadburn, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Richard Stahl, Bill Gray (Vtrans) and Greta Brunswick.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Dave motioned to adjust agenda moving LVRT discussion to after committee updates. Richard Stahl seconded. Motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022; seconded by R. Stahl. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

E. Stanley presented 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter 2022 financial report (Jan 1, 2022 – Sept 31, 2022). M. Bushey moved to accept the financial reports as presented; seconded by R. Stahl. Motion passed.

UPDATES

MVRT T-Shirts – T shirts and long sleeves. Logo just over heart. 5 people ordered. All distributed. Shop was open for month and 2 weeks. Asked question about future ordering. Could decide to do it again.

Summer Season – B. Gray updated committee on bridge work. Expecting to be done, but weather has caused some delay in finishing. Mowing contractors are doing private job and then Wed and Thurs going to start LVRT from Jeff to Morrisville, then mobilize to Sheldon junction where they will mow MVRT – likely starting mid-week next week. Have excavator coming in with bigger head on it to push back some bigger limbs and heavier brush. It looks a little rough when it's first done, but then it heals itself and looks better. What about woodvine. Attack on side of trail but not beyond. Completed the concrete pads at Kane Rd and Greens Corner and also moved the kiosk in Richford and stabilizing the kiosk at Sheldon Junction. R. Chadburn asked about cutting behind sign in parking lot. Bill confirmed they will not do that. Greta noted spending down the rest of grant. Can discuss mowing around parking areas in future contracts but will need to close parking areas while mowing happens. R. Stahl noted, not just mowing but growth coming in. It was noted also there are many potholes in parking areas.

VAST – M. Bushey updated that they are still in pause mode. Need to start getting landowner permissions again, which can be difficult.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

LVRT Update – G. Brunswick provided overview on potential sub-committee structure for LVRT. Asked for comments: Are there going to be mile markers? The ones that are out there now, some are correct and some are not. This summer there were 4 construction projects on LVRT over course of part of LVRT. Another project specific to big bridges. Scheduled to be wrapped up this year. Currently have in the works a contract for LVRT in its entirety which is a signage project. As part of that project, we will be replacing and resetting all new mile markers for entire trail. What about Sheldon Junction parking area. Nothing in the works right now. Just concept – but B. Gray is looking into a better parking area in that location that would serve both trails. M. Bushey – will they be putting Stop Ahead signs as well? E. Stanley – We have J. Williams, we are supposed to have Sheldon. It would be nice to have Sheldon and Swanton reps. E. Stanley has been talking with some folks from Swanton. Her hesitation is being able to address business as same and not have to have extra meetings. C. Hickey – We already discuss the LVRT at business meetings. Feels like we already have transitioned into it naturally. E. Stanley – Thinks it makes a lot of sense to roll into it. Would need to open to more towns? Confirm boundary of sub-committee as being just Franklin County. B. Gray believes the intent is to follow RPC boundaries. So, another subcommittee for Lamoille and NVDA. Confirmed new towns would be Swanton, Highgate, Fairfield, Fletcher and Bakersfield. C. Hickey – we are already familiar and very excited about. M. Bushey – where are they getting the topping for the LVRT, FW Whitcomb plant in Colchester.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____