



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City
Richard Stahl

St. Albans Town
Randy Chadburn

Swanton
Vacant

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Jane Williams

Sheldon
Dianne Crane

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

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of
6Transportation

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Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, May 15, 2023 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Mark Bushey, Jane Williams, Bill Gray (Vtrans), Jackie Cassino (Vtrans), Kathy Lavoie and Amy Adams.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2023; seconded by C.Hickey. Motion passed.

Updates

- **MVRT & LVRT (J. Cassino & W. Gray, Vtrans):**
- Trailside Facility Design Guidelines, sent out a notice to the RPCs to send out to the trail councils- but the Trailside Facility Design Guidelines are complete and can be found on the AOT website.
- Meeting with Bates in Enosburg on 5/17 to discuss encroachment issues.
- May 27 Event- St. Albans to Cambridge is approved by Vtrans and volunteers are secured.
- LVRT Grand Opening. Governor's Office is now planning this. Need to confirm- but was looking like a weekend day in early June.
- Mowing schedule was finalized but now need to do some rearranging – so stay tuned on that. Anticipate beginning the first cut of the year on the LVRT next week. We will be completing two cuts (mowing) during the season. The last week of May they will begin on MVRT. Vtrans will keep the website updated with mowing locations.
- LVRT Construction wrap up. Lots of maintenance and wrap up construction related work happening this month:
 - A sink hole has developed along a section of the LVRT in Walden. Due to its size, the trail is CLOSED between Bayley Hazen Road and Keene Road (MP 23.3-22.5) in Walden until further notice. Work on the sink hole began last week.
 - The Fisher Bridge in Wolcott is not accessible to the public due to ongoing construction. However, it is expected to be open for use by Memorial Day.
 - The eastern side of Bridge #47 in Wolcott Village (MP 40.4) to the Wolcott slide area (MP 39.9) resurfacing work to be completed. Trail is rough but is open currently. Trail segments will be temporarily closed for resurfacing in the coming weeks. This work is expected to be complete by Memorial Day.
- W. Gray met with a Contractor for sections on LVRT Swanton, Sheldon, Fairfield and MVRT Richford for guardrail installation to keep ATV's off the trail.
- LVRT green up, someone has cleaned sections along Swanton and Sheldon but left items along the trail, State has had to coordinate pickup to get those items off the trail, planned for May 16, 2023 dump trucks will be on the trail.

- **Spring Season-** A. Adams thanked the Council for helping to green up the MVRT as well as District 8 for allowing the Council to drop off items at the garage.
- **Paddle/Pedal Event – July 15, 2023 volunteers needed** – if interested please email A. Adams and she will pass along details to Northern Forest Canoe group.
- **Renew Ride w/ GPS/Interactive Map** – Discussion as to whether MVRT Council will be fully responsible for this cost in the coming year as LVRT rolls out their options to also consider this interactive map. D. Stanley and M. Bushey recommended that the Council continue the renewal for the coming year. J. Cassino said she is meeting with SE Group to start a discussion for the LVRT. *M. Bushey moved to accept the yearly renewal cost of \$499, seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.*
- **VAST-** M. Bushey reported membership numbers of 22,253 for the state and out of that 804 are members for Franklin County, which is down significantly. The winters are not what they used to be. M. Bushey asked about the large holes at Green’s Corner parking lot if they could be filled and also suggested once they do the pavement project on 105 if they could pave a portion on the entrance into the parking lot. W. Gray will address these concerns at the parking lot, no promises on the paving part!

OTHER BUSINESS – M. Bushey got a quote from Sticks and Stuff for the rail fence in Sheldon, post is \$23.49 each, rail is \$29.99 each, complete project would be about \$860 for 11 posts and 20 rails. D. Stanley will check other locations for pricing and bring costs back to the July meeting. E. Stanley suggested asking businesses for a donation if possible. E. Stanley presented the 1st quarter 2023 financial report (Jan 1, 2023 – Mar 31, 2023). M. Bushey moved to accept the 1st quarter report as presented; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 17, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____

