



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

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Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 19, 2018 Sheldon Elementary School, Sheldon, VT

Present: Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Bethany Remmers, Robert Bessette, Carol Hickey, Don Mueller, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Stanley, Jim Smith, Marie Brouillette, Stacey Carpenter, Greta Brunswick and Ken Brown.

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

Guest: LVRT- Ken Brown, Trail Manager

K. Brown from the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers updated the council on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). Currently the project is on hold as VAST evaluates funding options. There is currently not enough money to complete section 1C which runs from Sheldon to Swanton and fundraising has not been successful. There is the potential to split-up section 1C and to the long bridge over the Missisquoi River near the intersection the MVRT.

Bike Month/Community Events in Enosburg – Stacy Carpenter, VDH

S. Carpenter announced that RiseVt in partnership with the Vermont Department of Health are celebrating National Bike Month in May with a series of events in Enosburg(h).

RT Promotion –Grant Opportunity with Northern Borders Regional Commission - Greta Brunswick, NRPC

G. Brunswick updated the Council on a grant proposal to promote the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail. Potential ideas would include a marketing plan, business promotion/development, trailhead design, kiosk design and wayfinding. The grant requires a 50% match.

C. Scott moved for the Council to allocate \$5,000 to the project if funded. D. Stanley seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the January 18th meeting as written. R. Bessette seconded. The motion carried.

Updates

M. Bushey (VAST rep.) relayed concerns on a new curb cut at mile marker 5 in an area without adequate site distance. He noted that Dan Ertel from VTrans is aware of the situation. M. Bushey also reported on the washout near the Abbey from a failed box culvert. A temporary repair has been made. B. Remmers handed out green up day bags to Council members who will be cleaning up sections of the trail.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes Approved: May 21, 2018

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