



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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VT Agency of
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VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, September 20, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Amy Adams, Cynthia Scott, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Jim Smith and William Gray (Vtrans).

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021; seconded by D. Stanley. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 2nd quarter 2021 financial report (Apr 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021). D. Stanley moved to accept the 2nd quarter reports as presented; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

VOREC – No update

UPDATES

- *MVRT T-Shirts*- No update
- *Summer Season* – B. Gray updated the Council on the second mowing which has been delayed because other local trails needed mowing. The Contractor should be able to return to MVRT first week of October, they will take care of the center mowing. B. Gray and G. Brunswick inventoried the final branding signs.
- *VAST* – M. Bushey updated that the VAST Annual meeting was held on September 18, 2021. They had 21,553 registered in Vermont out of that number 6,000 were out of state registrations. Law enforcement issued \$12,000 in fines, they reported 9 accidents and 1 fatality. The cost to maintain the trail is about \$137/mile. VAST would like to put up a plaque near The Abbey in memory of David Underwood, who passed away late summer.

OTHER BUSINESS – Eleanor Dodd has inquired about placing a marble bench on the trail at the Kane Road area. She wants to do this for her family, as it was her and her husbands favorite spots on the trail. The Council discussed that it was a nice idea. B. Gray and A. Adams will meet with Eleanor about the placement, actual size and the protocol at the State level on ownership.

The bench in Berkshire still has the possibility of poison ivy, B. Gray will reach out to someone at the State about using a proper spray.

The table at Green's Corner may need some boards replaced, M. Bushey and D. Stanley

will work together to replace the boards and submit a bill for materials.

C. Scott brought up an issue with the surface of the trail near Horseshoe Circle in Bershire, B. Gray will take a look at what can be done for materials.

B. Gray updated the Council on the LVRT schedule: Hardwick-Danville, mid-October tree clearing; Hardwick-Morrisville, out to bid end of September with hopes of a Contractor in October; Sheldon Jct-Cambridge, contract end of 2021; complete all sections by the end of 2022, with 98 miles of trail!

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 15, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes Approved: November 15, 2021

