



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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Mark Bushey

At Large
Don Mueller
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David Stanley
Nini Worman
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VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, September 18, 2017 Sheldon Elementary School - Library 78 Poor Farm Road, Sheldon, VT

Present: Don Mueller, Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Stacy Carpenter (VDH), Jim Smith, Cynthia Scott, Carol Hickey, and Bethany Remmers.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by M. Bushey . Motion passed.

Enosburg Initiative Update-

Stacy Carpenter, VT Dept of Health gave an overview on the Enosburg Initiative, this is a group focused on the economic revitalization of Enosburg. Through the groups work, recreation is an issue that keeps coming up. S. Carpenter noted that the Village and Town will be applying for a Better Connections grant that is due at the end of January. The grant would fund a master plan for the Enosburg Downtown, including addressing recreational opportunities. She asked if the RT Council would support the project and if they would like to be a partner in the project, Council agreed.

UPDATES

- **Sheldon Bridge boards/Sheldon Bridge MM 12** – Dan Ertel is working on finding 3 local contractors to provide bids on replacing the missing boards on the Bridge. The Bridge at MM 12 is in the design phase but permitting is done, no replacement date is set yet.
- **Coordinator/Maintenance** – Dan Ertel is waiting for the go ahead on the sign replacement and he will be sending out the scope of work for contractors to bid on. The State has had a brush cutter cutting back the trail for the past couple of weeks. Amy Brewer from Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition shared the results from the butt litter clean up. They cleaned up on 2 different occasions and found 657 butts at the Maplefields/MVRT intersection and some at the picnic table near Bates'.
- **VAST** – M. Bushey reported that he attended the VAST annual meeting on September 9th. The Early Bird rate for the season would be \$105 and regular season \$140. He noted that there were 21,462 registrations from in state residents for 2016 and 6,960 from out of state. He reported on Fish and Wildlife patrolling

the VAST trails for last year.

LVRT Updates - B. Remmers announced that LVRT currently has a vacancy for the Coordinator position. She noted that design on section 1C from Sheldon to Swanton has started. Also the State is working on a plan that would exempt LVRT construction from ACT 250.

OTHER BUSINESS – Picnic tables at Bates' area is looking better. However the picnic table behind the bridge in Sheldon is missing. R. Bessette offered to do the facebook updates and the Council supports it. The Council asked for A. Adams to ask State how much on mowing for the whole trail.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 20, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Minutes Approved: November 20, 2017