



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City
Jim Smith

St. Albans Town
Robert Bessette

Swanton
Betsy Fournier

Fairfield
Jane Williams

Sheldon
Marie Brouillette

Enosburg Town
Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire
Carol Hickey

Richford
Levi Irish

VAST
Mark Bushey

At Large
Don Mueller
Alisha Sawyer
David Stanley
Cynthia Scott

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, May 17, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Cynthia Scott, Amy Adams, Don Mueller, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey and William Gray (Vtrans).

Vice Chair Carol Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2021; seconded by C. Scott. Motion passed.

UPDATES

- *VOREC* – G. Brunswick will send the Council an update.
- *Trail Friendly Business Outreach* – E. Stanley asked if a google doc could be setup for the Council to access the data. G. Brunswick will send information.
- *Spring Season* – A. Adams thanked the Council for participating in Green Up Day. All bags and large items have been picked up at each location! B. Gray and A. Adams checked the trail on April 26, 2021, the trail is in great condition, a few holes to fill in but no major issues to start the season. The mowing contract has been signed. Council members mentioned areas to monitor: Bridge in Enosburg (east end plank), Enosburg by Franklin Foods (stagnant ditch) and Sheldon by Howrigan Farm (large holes).
- *Renew Ride with GPS/Interactive Map Account* – E. Stanley moved to approve renewal for the Ride with GPS/Interactive Account for \$499/year; seconded by C. Scott. Motion passed.
- *Paddle/Pedal Event*- Volunteers are needed for the August 7th Northern Forest Canoe event. C. Scott and C. Hickey volunteered for crossing areas.
- *VAST* – M. Bushey listed the membership for the year for the state at 24,125, last years membership was 22,576. For Franklin County membership it was 897.

OTHER BUSINESS – B. Gray updated on LVRT, Swanton to Sheldon Junction will be finished in about a month. Sheldon to Cambridge has been moved back a bit, challenge is encroachments along the trail. J. Williams commented that the trail from Sheldon to Swanton is rough, B. Gray explained that once the trail is complete, they will put a top coat to finish the trail surface.

E. Stanley shared that there will be a green up on May 21st behind the Sherwood Block in Enosburg, coordinated by Dave and Sally Tryhorne.

J. Williams asked to add an agenda item to the July meeting for discussion on new MVRT T-shirts with the new logo.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ July 19, 2021 _____

