



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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David Stanley
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VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, May 18, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Robert Bessette, Carol Hickey, Jane Williams, Ellen Stanley, Jim Smith, Mark Bushey, Betsy Fournier, Cynthia Scott, Greta Brunswick, Drew Pollack-Bruce, Liz Grades (SE Group), William Gray (VTrans), Bethany Remmers, Amy Adams, Adelle Brunstad and Shaun Coleman.

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

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting with a change to add C. Scott as present; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as written; seconded by C. Hickey. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 3rd and 4th quarter 2019 financial report (July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019). J. Williams moved to accept the 3rd & 4th quarter reports as presented; seconded by R. Bessette. Motion passed.

SE GROUP - Drew Pollack-Bruce provided a signage update: VOREC grant has been awarded to produce all the signs needed all at once, possibly this summer depending on the COVID situation and depending on what funds will be available currently. Drew shared a PowerPoint of the promotional materials they have created, new brochure/trail map, downloadable trail map, interactive map, website map and progress, social media materials and event flyers that will be fillable forms. Drew shared material for the Rail Trail Passport/Rubbings and a discussion with partnering with schools, RiseVT, etc to figure out how to best deliver the program. Drew provided information for a trail friendly business program and asked the Council to provide input on identifying important ones they were missing.

VTrans - William Gray season update of taking care of the trees, filling holes and cleaning debris on the trail. Erosion near mile marker 12, contractor has been selected to start the work soon. Working on setting up a contractor for the summer mowing, which will likely start July 1 and then end of August beginning of September.

UPDATES

- *Reminder Green Up Day, May 30th. bags are still available if needed, safety precautions, small groups, social distance, wear gloves and mask if possible.*
- *Paddle/Pedal has been cancelled*
- *Kids Fest, suggest cancelling*
- *Raymond Larose-Dedication- A. Adams will work on details in providing a plaque "In Memory of Raymond" for his 16.5 years as a Council member and will work with W. Gray on placement once the Council has approved the plaque.*
- *VAST – M. Bushey- no report*

OTHER BUSINESS – A. Adams updated the Council that her position would change as the Coordinator for the season with the COVID precautions and Adelle Brunstad would be taking on the roles for the physical trail work.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ July 20, 2020 _____

