



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
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APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City
Jim Smith

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Enosburg Town
Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire
Carol Hickey

Richford
Phyllis Tiffany

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, January 13, 2020

Sheldon Elementary Library
Sheldon, VT

Present: Dave Stanley (phone), Carol Hickey, Jane Williams, Don Mueller, M. Bushey, Greta Brunswick, Cynthia Scott, Betsy Fournier and Amy Adams

Chair David Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES Moved to March meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT- Moved to March meeting

ANNUAL MEETING Election of members-at-large

D. Stanley conducted the election of the members-at-large. C. Hickey nominated a slate of 4 candidates: D. Mueller, A. Sawyer, D. Stanley and C. Scott. There being 4 nominees for 10 member-at-large positions. *D. Stanley moved to cast a ballot to elect all 4 nominees; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.*

Election of Officers for 2020

C. Hickey conducted the election of Chair. C. Hickey nominated D. Stanley for the office of Chair. No other nominations were made. D. Stanley conducted the election of Vice-Chair and Treasurer. C. Scott nominated C. Hickey for the office of Vice Chair; C. Hickey nominated C. Scott for the office of Treasurer. No other nominations were made for the positions. *J. Williams moved to elect all 3 nominees; seconded by D. Mueller. Motion passed.*

D. Stanley was elected as Chair. C. Hickey was elected as Vice Chair. C. Scott was elected as Treasurer.

NBRC UPDATES

- *Logo-* G. Brunswick discussed with the Council the new logo and how we can use it on publications. D. Stanley moved to accept the new logo, seconded by C. Scott. Motion passed.
- *Interactive map* – G. Brunswick discussed the benefit of having an app available for users and the availability for users to connect to the economic piece. There would be an annual fee of \$400 and it would be updated by NRPC. D. Stanley made a motion to move forward with the ap, seconded by C. Scott. Motion passed.

- *Trail guide format* – G. Brunswick updated the Council that this would be discussed at the February 5th public meeting, if the current map would stay the same or if changes needed to be made to the current format.
- *Public meeting discussion – February 5, 2020* at the Enosburgh Public Safety Building to discuss the planning phase of the project. The format of the meeting was to invite stakeholders, organizations/businesses, recreation committees, planning commissioners and select boards for a presentation, logo information, interactive trail map, guide format and an opportunity to provide feedback and make decisions on the direction of the project. G. Brunswick also showed the Council a promotional video of the trail and is looking for additional footage to add into the video for other seasons as well. Signage was shared as well, B. Fournier commented that the colors match the RiseVT, which will be great to have coordination amongst the trails.

2020 ACTIVITIES

- **GREEN UP DAY, MAY 2nd** – Volunteers will be needed for certain areas of the trail/parking areas. A. Adams will provide green up supplies at the March meeting. J. Williams, C. Scott, C. Hickey and B. Fournier offered to volunteer for the Enosburgh, Berkshire and Swanton areas.
- **WELCOME CENTERS** - *D. Mueller made a motion that we renew our contract to have RT Guides distributed through the VT Welcome Centers; seconded by M. Bushey . Motion passed.* Council's approval will be sought should the cost exceed \$400.
- **FRANKLIN COUNTY GUIDE** - *C. Scott made a motion that we renew our advertisement in the 2020 Franklin County Guide; seconded by D. Mueller. Motion passed.* Council's approval will be sought should the cost exceed \$625 (1/4 page ad plus Chamber membership dues).
- **KEN'S RIDE** - Janis Appel is organizing this event for the 2nd ride in memory of her husband Ken, the ride will take place on May 16, 2020 between St. Albans and Sheldon Bridge from 8-12 PM. The proceeds will be shared between CurePSP and Franklin County Home Health. Volunteers may be needed to help with the event.
- **PEDAL/PADDLE** – This Northern Forest Canoe Trail event will take place on Saturday, June 20th sponsored by the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, volunteers are needed to help with the pedal portion. C. Hickey, J. Williams and D. Mueller offered to volunteer for the event.
- **KIDS FEST** – The Council decided to participate again in this event this summer by donating a bike and helmet to a child 12 and under.
- **Other** – The Council welcomed Betsy Fournier to the council representing the Town of Swanton.

UPDATES

- **VAST** – M. Bushey commented that the groomer has been out. They have been doing a lot of clean up from the Halloween storm, a lot of trees down.

OTHER BUSINESS – A. Adams notified the Council of a manure pit that was just built in October near the rail trail in Swanton, near mile marker 1.5. The State has been notified of the situation and follow up will be done to make sure the owner is compliant and has a crossing agreement in place.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ *May 18, 2020* _____

