



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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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, November 16, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Cynthia Scott, Greta Brunswick, Amy Adams, Adelle Brunstad, Jim Smith and Don Mueller.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2020; seconded by J. Smith. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

C. Scott presented the 3rd quarter 2020 financial report (July 1, 2020 – Sept 30, 2020). C. Hickey moved to accept the 3rd quarter reports as presented; seconded by J. Smith. Motion passed.

SE Group Update – G. Brunswick reviewed the deliverables from SE Group, a portion of the deliverables will be funded by the VOREC grant. The marketing materials included the brochures, trail passport books, new website, promotional videos and an interactive map that will be integrated into the website. The trail friendly business materials include flyers, checklists, online/hard copies of the registration forms and business directories that will be printed and left at the kiosks for users. The wayfinding/signage included the kiosks, parking signs, trail etiquette signs and the bike stations located in St. Albans and Enosburg. G. Brunswick is working with Vtrans on the sign agreement which will currently go through Northwest Regional Planning Commission for ownership but in the future work on transitioning it to the Rail Trail Council. The installation of the materials will be in the Spring of 2021 with the help of volunteers.

UPDATES

- *Trail Update* – A. Brunstad updated the Council on the overall season. There are two projects that are ongoing. One at the intersection of mile 7 towards Enosburg, the chain link fence owned by WestRock is leaning onto the Vtrans fence, Vtrans will work with the owners to get this taken care of. The second is the bridge in Sheldon, the abutment wing wall is cracked and coming out a bit, Vtrans will work on how to repair that area. The mowing was terrific this season along with the brush clearing.
- VAST – No updates

OTHER BUSINESS – St. Albans City Mayor, Tim Smith, has recommended that the Council consider the idea of having the overpass columns in St. Albans nicely painted to make that area more inviting, the Council agreed it was a great idea. Ideas for the 2021 season will be considered.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 11, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ January 11, 2021

