



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 18, 2019

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT

Present: Dave Stanley, Mark Bushey, Bethany Remmers, Robert Bessette, Carol Hickey, Don Mueller, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Stanley, Marie Brouillette, Jim Smith, Jane Williams, Phyllis Tiffany, Greta Brunswick, Tom Benton, Drew Polk-Bruce, Liz Grades, Russ Roca (via phone), Keith Schnell, Janis Appel, JP Choquette. and Patti Porter.

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

MEETING MINUTES

C. Scott moved to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting as written; seconded by D. Mueller. Motion passed.

St. Albans Messenger – The Council welcomes Tom Benton a writer for the St. Albans Messenger to the meeting.

MVRT – Marketing/Wayfinding Kickoff- The Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail Council and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission have recently received a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to develop and implement the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail Marketing Plan. The project will increase the economic and tourism impact of the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail, an important piece of Northwest Vermont’s regional outdoor recreation infrastructure. NRPC and the MVRT Council have hired SE Group and Path Less Pedaled to complete the project.

The consultant team attended the Council meeting to discuss the overall project and select dates for the project community visit and ride. The Council decided on June 7th-9th for this visit. During this time, the consultant team will ride the trail to perform an audit, take photos and video and begin business outreach.

Bikeathon – “Ken’s Ride, Ride of Hope” May 11th

Janis Appel is organizing an event in memory of her husband Ken, the ride will take place on May 11, 2019 between St. Albans and Sheldon Bridge from 8-12 PM. The proceeds will be shared between CurePSP and Franklin County Home Health. Ms. Appel noted that there were looking for volunteers to help with the event.

UPDATES

- **Trail Maintenance (Vtrans)** – Keith Schnell updated the Council on planned trail maintenance. He noted that mowing of the trail is scheduled for late May, July and September. The small bridge near mile marker 13 in Sheldon will be replaced by a 4 ft culvert.

There was a discussion about the posted speed of 35 mph on the trail. There was concern about snowmobile speeding in St Albans because of an increase winter pedestrian activity and cross country skiing on that section.

- **GREEN UP DAY, MAY 4th** – Council members discussed planned Green Up Day activities on the trail.
- **VAST** – M. Bushey reported that it was a “yo-yo” snow season for VAST. He noted that Munson has been working on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail bridge replacement over the Missisquoi in Sheldon throughout the winter.

NEXT MEETING

Council members discussed holding the next meeting on May 13th instead of May 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Approved: **May 13, 2019**