



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

St. Albans Town
Robert Bessette

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Vacant

Fairfield
Jane Williams

Sheldon
Marie Brouillette

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
Nini Worman
Cynthia Scott

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, July 17, 2017

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

Present: Don Mueller, Dave Stanley, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, Amy Adams, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Stanley, Robert Bessette, and Bethany Remmers.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

D. Stanley moved to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

Financial Report-

C. Scott presented the 2nd quarter 2017 financial report (Apr 1, 2017 – Jun 30, 2017).
M. Bushey moved to accept the 2nd quarter report as presented; seconded by R. Bessette. Motion passed.

UPDATES

- **Paddle/Pedal** – June 24th the Northern Forest Canoe Trail hosted the event with volunteers from Richford Conservation Committee, J. Williams, C. Hickey, D. Mueller, C. Scott and P. Tiffany at Road Crossings, about 50 people participated in the event.
- **Coordinator/Maintenance** – The Council is still concerned with the State maintenance and not having a contractor for the mowing of the trail. B. Remmers spoke with D. Delabruere, Rail Director about the Council's concerns, he reassured that the trail would be mowed in 2 weeks. D. Stanley suggested that he write a letter addressing the issues and asked the Council for their ideas to include in the letter such as events; St. Albans Raid, Kid's Fest, etc.
- **VAST** – M. Bushey reported that the Annual meeting will take place on September 9, 2017 at Lamoille Union. The 2018 Annual meeting will be in Franklin County at the Abbey. He discussed four-wheeler issues in Highgate, lots of complaints and they have talked to law enforcement, but there is little that can be done.
- **Kid's Fest** – A. Adams reported there was a good turn out on June 2 for Kid's Fest in Taylor Park. The lucky winner of the kids bike and helmet was Sophia, age 5, from St. Albans. Definitely a worthwhile event to participate in even with the rain showers. It was nice to see the many services available to families in

OTHER BUSINESS

- * D. Stanley asked for Council emails for preparation for his letter regarding the maintenance issues to the State. *C. Scott made a motion to allow D. Stanley to write a letter on behalf of the Council to State/Legislatures/Vtrans and circulate a draft to the Council. R. Bessette seconded. Motion carried.*
- * R. Bessette informed the Council that he would maintain the shingles on the kiosk in St. Albans Town at the Trail Head.
- * There was discussion regarding the Council members being insured. B. Remmers and A. Adams will look further into coverage if it is recommended.
- * E. Stanley gave an Enosburg Initiative update that her and C. Scott are part of the Committee. They are working on identifying grants and information to revitalize the recreation program and clarifying what recreation is in the area as well as in other Towns. Other topics the Committee has discussed is signage to mark the RT in the Enosburg area, B. Remmers said Vtrans would be involved in the signs and placement. E. Stanley will keep the Council updated.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, September 18, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes Approved: September 18, 2017