



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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Enosburg Town
Robert Gervais, Sr.

Enosburg Falls
Ellen Stanley

Berkshire
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Levi Irish

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, March 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Stanley, Carol Hickey, Ellen Stanley, Cynthia Scott, Amy Adams, Adelle Brunstad, Jim Smith, Don Mueller, Jane Williams, Mark Bushey, William Gray, and Levi Irish.

Chair Dave Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

M. Bushey moved to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2021; seconded by J. Smith Motion passed.

IMPLEMENTING THE MARKET PLAN – G. Brunswick reviewed the checklist of the marketing plan and the key points that the Council will add to each future agenda to keep the Council on task of the updates, distribution and out reach that should take place throughout the year. The Council discussed the process of reaching out to businesses and promoting them to be a trail friendly business, some Council members will work on this process.

UPDATES

- **VOREC – G.** Brunswick is working on a draft license agreement with Vtrans and grant agreement is close for execution. Next steps are to inventory the signs and bike racks and work on a new estimate for the work since there is such an increase in building materials currently.
- **Trail Maintenance – W.** Gray, with Vtrans is in the process of a mowing contract that will be similar to the 2020 season, mid-June for the first mowing and first of September for the second mowing. W. Gray is working with the Bridge Inspection on ideas of stabilizing the wingwall on Bridge 845 (Sheldon Jct). He has done a full gate invention and would like to propose a removal of the gates that are not usable, depending on funding new gates may be installed. He is working on a tree removal project to prevent an emergency situation should the large trees be an issue, based on funding for the season.
- **Reminder Green Up Day – May 1st** – Green up bags are available and I will make arrangements to get them to volunteers. J. Williams and C. Scott will clean up Maplefields area. E. Stanley from Maplefields to Boston Post Dairy, C. Hickey Berkshire area, J. Smith St. Albans Trailhead and Green's Corner Parking area.
- **Website (www.mvrailtrail.org)** – The new website has been live for a couple of weeks now. Please take a tour of it when you have a chance.

- VAST – M. Bushey commented that the local membership was up for the season and they had about 35 out of state memberships. There was more use of the trail this season. M. Bushey inquired about the next season putting out a trail counter to get a count on the amount of use on the trail.

OTHER BUSINESS – A. Brunstad gave an update on the two grants she applied for, neither one was funded. There may be other grant opportunities for the murals in Enosburg/Richford. The LVRT goal is to be completed in 2022!

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 17, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Minutes Approved: *May 17, 2021*

