



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

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APPOINTED

Berkshire-MVRT

Angel Larose

Enosburg Falls-MVRT

Ellen Stanley

Enosburgh Town-MVRT

Vacant

Richford-MVRT

Vacant

St. Albans City-MVRT

Richard Stahl

St. Albans Town-MVRT

Robert Bessette

Fairfield-MVRT/LVRT

Jane Williams

Sheldon-MVRT/LVRT

Vacant

Swanton-MVRT/LVRT

Joel Clark

Bakersfield-LVRT

Vacant

Fletcher-LVRT

Vacant

Highgate-LVRT

Ty Choiniere

VAST

Mark Bushey

At Large

Don Mueller

Alisha Sawyer

David Stanley

Randy Chadburn

Diane Leary

Ex-Officio

* VT Agency of
Transportation

*Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

*VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

*Franklin County Industrial
Development Corporation

Minutes of Council Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2025

Present/Introduction: Dave Stanley, Mark Bushey, Richard Stahl, Ellen Stanley, Jane Williams, Randy Chadburn, Bill Gray (VTrans), Andy Crossman, Angel Larose, Robert Bessette, Diane Leary and Amy Adams.

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

Adjustment to the Agenda: None

Meeting Minutes

R. Chadburn moved to accept the minutes of November 18, 2024; seconded by

R. Stahl. Motion passed.

Financial Report-

E. Stanley presented the 4th quarter 2024 financial report (Oct-Dec 2024).

R. Stahl moved to accept the 4th quarter report as presented; seconded by M. Bushey.

Motion passed.

ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Officers for 2025

R. Stahl nominated D. Stanley for the office of Chair. No other nominations were made. R.

Stahl moved to elect D. Stanley as Chair; seconded by M. Bushey.

D. Stanley conducted the election of Vice-Chair and Treasurer. D. Stanley nominated J. Williams for the office of Vice Chair; D. Stanley nominated E. Stanley for the office of Treasurer. No other nominations were made for the positions. R. Stahl moved to elect nominees; seconded by M. Bushey. Motion passed.

D. Stanley was elected as Chair. J. Williams was elected as Vice Chair. E. Stanley was elected as Treasurer.

Election of members-at-large

D. Stanley nominated a slate of 5 candidates: D. Mueller, A. Sawyer, D. Stanley, R. Chadburn and D. Leary. There are 5 nominees for 10 member-at-large positions.

R. Stahl moved to elect all 5 nominees; seconded by R. Bessette. Motion passed.

Updates

- **Sheldon Gristmill Project** – none
- **Sheldon Junction Trailhead Study** – none
- **Swanton Trailhead Community Grant (LVRT)** – Joel Clark sent an email update, advertising for bids for the project January 21 – February 18, with bid opening on February 18. Swanton will plan to break ground mid April.
- **Highgate- LVRT Level 2 Trailhead** – none

- **Franklin County Trails Alliance VOREC Grant** – A. Crossman commented that the group is working with 3 landowners to get them into an agreement and hopes to start work in the spring.
- **LVRT/MVRT** – B. Gray (Vtrans) gave an update on the significant work to be done in St. Johnsbury and W. Danville this coming summer season, the trail will be closed in those sections while construction is taking place. The MVRT resurfacing project from St. Albans to Richford has been contracted with S.D. Ireland. When the project begins Vtrans will close the trail in stages to users for everyone’s safety. We will be sure to update trail users as often as possible.
- **VAST-** Mark Bushey (VAST Rep.) commented that the Club groomed the trail but there was still not enough snow to open the trails. Membership is down considerably this season.

Other Business – D. Stanley asked about updating the bike at the St. Albans Trailhead with a newer model. B. Gray asked that the Council hold off as the MVRT Extension will be changing the trail in that location, but that it could be a couple years out for construction. D. Stanley requested at the next meeting to share the membership list for the past 2 years to see how things have changed.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, March 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____

