



Vermont Trails and Greenways Council

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Meeting Minutes October 4, 2001 VAST, Berlin

Attendees: Kevin Russell, Ben Rose, Rob Center, Dick McKay, Kim Syman, Eric Scharnberg, Beth Ann Finley, Linda Henzel, Paul Schmidt, Joe Loga, Dana Hark, Ed Leary, Carolyn Moulton, Sherry Smecker, Mike Stafford, Kate Carter, Lenore Budd, Virginia Lancaster, Amy Bell, Gray Stevens, Bryant Watson, Chapin Spencer, Bob & Betsy C-Philbrick, Paul Moffat.

Called to order at 9:10, Quorum was present.

Went over **minutes of May 17th**, Amy motioned to amend the minutes, 2nd by Dick. Item 6E, strike the first paragraph. Item 6C Kevin Russell needs to be added to the list. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report- Ben brought forward that we have not spent any money this year and we do have money available at this time. It was asked that Bonnie send out reminder notices concerning annual membership also would be helpful for the organizations to have a invoice in order to pay.

Newsletter Update - Kate Carter explained that Jennifer Waite is the contact person and all articles need to be sent to her for the fall newsletter. Jennifer was not at the meeting today so the council set a deadline for all articles to be to Jennifer by November 1st.

Governors Conference - There was a problem with the mailing list that was sent from the FPR office that contained all VT&GC members and interested parties. Because of this some members did not get a copy of the Governors Conference, Carolyn had sent out a copy of the mailing list and asked that the members look over it and make any necessary changes to it to make it current. It was acknowledged that Jennifer Waite is the keeper of the Council mailing list. Sherry Smecker is going to contact Jennifer and get a copy of the list from her, Sherry will send a copy of the mailing list to the VT Recreation & Parks Association so that they too will have a current list.

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- ◆ Northwest Regional Planning Commission ◆ Poultney Conservation Commission ◆ Upper Valley Trails Alliance ◆
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ACT 250 Jurisdiction on Trails Update - Ben had talked to Mike Zahner and had asked him to come to today's meeting, unfortunately he was not able to make it. Bryant explained that VAST is going through the appeal process right now and he is currently waiting for a call from the lawyer, today was the last day to have the appeal letter into them. After the appeal process goes through and is done Bryant will let the council know what the procedures were and how they went. Bryant said the Appeal board has 60 days to respond. Mike Zahner told Ben that the Draft is being considered and litigated. Dick motioned to keep this on the agenda and to ask Mike Zahner again to come to the next meeting. Motion 2nd and approved, Ben will talk to Mike again. It was suggested that someone write up a paragraph or so about this subject and put it in the newsletter. Jennifer could contact Bryant and ask him about it, a spot in the newsletter will be saved until after the Governors Conference for a one-paragraph write-up concerning this subject.

FPR Updates - ANR Lands & Facilities Trust Fund was created and timber sale receipts on state forests were being put into it. The money would be used for on the ground stuff. There was a provision made that people could make tax-deductible donations. Positions were not part of that bill. Ed will send out a copy of this bill to the Council members. It only applies to ANR managed lands. (See attached legislation Sec.53.3VSA 2807)

SCORP- Linda Henzel said she will be coordinating the preparation of the next statewide comprehensive outdoor Recreation plan due in January 2005. She will be submitting a grant proposal for LWCF funds to hire a contractor to write the next SCORP. The Vermont trails manual update could be part of this or separate effort. Comments and ideas are welcome.

VT&GC Website - Bruce is ready, he is waiting for the information and material from the council. Chapin Spencer would like to be added to the website subcommittee list. Sherry will discuss this subcommittee with Jennifer.

Land & Water Conservation Fund - Sherry explained that a press release went out this week concerning the new available grants. Outdoor Recreation Grant Applications through the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program are available. LWCF applications are due no later than 4:30 PM, Friday March 1, 2002. (See attached Press Release)

Recreation Trails Grant Program - Recreation Trails Grant Applications are available. The applications for the Recreation Trails Grant Program are due no later than 4:30PM, Friday, February 1, 2002. (See attached Press Release)

VT Trail System- New Applications - Pittsford Trail Network sent in an application to be added to the VT Trail System along with their pamphlet and trail maps. The council reviewed them and made a motion to accept them. Motion was 2nd and approved. Gore Mountain Trail also sent in an application to be added to the VT Trail System, the council reviewed their request and made a motion to accept the trail. Motion was 2nd and approved. Sherry will be checking on where the Certificates are and will make up one for each of the new trails. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 13th for the Gore Mountain Trail, Kate Carter is going to try to attend this ceremony and Sherry will get the Certificate made up and get it to

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her so that she can award it to them on the same day of the ribbon cutting. It was expressed that when applications come in someone should be talking to the contact person and encouraging them to attend the next council meeting. Ben will be updating the cover letter that is sent to the applicant.

To Do List -

Newsletter	Jennifer Waite/Kate Carter Deadline October 15 th , with October 23 rd for Zahner write-up
VT Trail System	Ben/ Cover Letter FPR will update Application
ACT 250 Jurisdiction	Invite Mike Zahner Again
Leading Admin Support	Mega Issue Needs to be added to next agenda Business Plan Sub-Committee was created to deal with this issue: Michael Stafford, Beth Ann Finlay, Kevin Russell, Sherry Smecker and Chapin Spencer.

Next Meeting - January 17th, 2002, State House, Ben will book this meeting. Board of Directors need to meet before this meeting, might possibly have to be done by a email instead of a face to face meeting.

Adjourned at 12:00pm

Attachment: Morrystown Trails Committee Report to the Council

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