

LVRTC
 The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
 Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 11, 2009

StoneGrill Restaurant & Pub, Morrisville, Vermont

ATTENDEES

Members (*np* = not present)

Laird McDowell (<i>Chair</i>)	Mike O'Hara	Steve Larrabee (<i>np</i>)	Al Spitzer
Bethany Remmers (<i>np</i>)	Dan Zucker (<i>Sec'ty</i>)	Red Goodman (<i>np</i>)	Zeke Zucker (<i>Vice Chair</i>), (<i>np</i>)
Mike Farmer	Andy Gilbert	Danny Hale	

Non-Members

Bryant Watson (VAST)	Jesse Hudson (VAST)	Ken Hoepfner	Al Roberston
Chapin Spencer			

Call To Order: 6:35pm by Laird

Guest: Chapin Spencer (from Local Motion):

Chapin presented a brief history of the Local Motion, offered support for the LVRT and discussion of project ensued. Chapin's enthusiastic support and offer of logistical assistance was much appreciated.

Secretary's Report (from October, 2009 meeting):

No Discussion.

*Moved: Danny H.
 Seconded: Al S.
 Vote: Approved (unan.)*

Treasurer's Report:

Submitted by Mike Farmer. Mike is now providing us with a standard Balance Sheet/Income Statement report (see for reference). Highlights:

Donations	\$	677.59
Expenses	\$	6,827.75
Draw LOC	\$	10,000.00

*Moved: Mike O.
 Seconded: Andy G.
 Vote: Approved (unan.)*

Bryant Watson's Report:

Bryant presented information on the status of reversal of the Jurisdictional Opinion (JO) and the appeal to the Environmental Court (EC).

- A brief is being prepared for presentation of our case to the EC.
- The EC will schedule and hold telephone conference to hear positions
- The EC will take 20 days to render decision
- Legal basis for various positions is uncertain, such as notification requirements for adjoining landowners (limits of 'good faith', etc.).
- The district coordinator's failure to properly execute their decision will likely be a burden on the LVRTC and contribute to the nature of the problem.

Extensive discussion of JO reversal ensued, no formal action taken.

Al Robertson's Report:

- Al met w/ Jon Kaplan at AOT on Rail Trail standards. Kaplan was receptive to Al's position that the rail standards only partially apply to the trail due to primitive nature of construction.
- Al requested that the minutes note that Dave Guilderdale (VTRANS) has done extensive productive work on dealing with encroachments.
- The two primary logjams for this project from his perspective: Act 250 and AOT. AOT's lack of persistence on existing projects as well as diversion of resources to the Champlain Bridge problem suggest long delays.

Sander's Office Report (Ethan R. not present):

LAC Report (Bethany Remmers not present):

Laird contributed that the database is complete and ready to deliver to the LVRT.

Friends of the LVRT (Red not present):

Ken H. contributed that the Friends had their annual meeting on Nov 5th, that Mike & Mike presented, that many members were present and that the presentation was well-received.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Law Enforcement - Danny Hale: NTR

Communications - Red Goodman (not present): NTR

Maintenance - Al Spitzer: NTR

Policy - Zeke Zucker (not present): NTR

Fundraising: Ken H.

- Another 900 donation boxes have been built and are being distributed with much enthusiastic reception by area businesses.
- Morrisville business group are eager to help out and are frustrated by the state's inability to move their side of the project forward.
- Made presentation to variety of non-motorized user groups Has sent requests to representative Susan Bartlett (who is running for Gov) for legislative support but the communications have gone completely unanswered.
- Met w/ Green Mountain Club and discussed fundraising, marketing and membership.

After a suggestion by Ken, Mike O'Hara moved "That a 10 mile section of trail or a bridge be named after Al Robertson". The motion was seconded by Al Spitzer and received an enthusiastic, unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Motion: "That a 10 mile section of trail or a bridge be named after Al Robertson"
Moved: Mike O.
Seconded: Al S.
Vote: Approved (unan.)

New Business:

The Imagination Company: Bryant presented the response to the VAST RFP for a marketing plan from the Bethel-based The Imagination Company. The enthusiastic response prompted the spontaneous formation of a "Public Relations Committee". The following members volunteered as members:

Andy G.
Mike O'.
Dan Z..
Mike F.
Laird M.

Adjournment: 8:38pm

Moved: Mike F.
Seconded: Andy G.
Vote: Approved (unan.)