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**Vast LVRTC Committee Meeting**  
**held on May 9, 2007**  
**in Morrisville, Vermont**

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**Attending:** Zeke Zucker, Vice Chairman; Julius Goodman, Danny Hale, Daniel Favreau, Laird McDowell, Margaret Bowen, Ken Hoepfner Others present, Bryant Watson ED, Pat Poulin VP of Vast and Starr Poulin; Chip Sawyer of LAC, Alan Robertson, Project Manager, Ethan Ready of Sanders' office; Pauline Favreau.

**Absent:** Mike O'Hara, Ted Chase and Dan Zucker. Guests were Dan Petterson and Al Neveau , AOT representatives.

**The meeting was called to order by Zeke Zucker, Vice Chairman.**

**Introduction of members and guests took place.**

**Secretary Minutes** - Motion was made seconded and voted to approve the corrected minutes for March 14, 2007 and April 11, 2007.

**Financial Report** - Pat Poulin will set up with Vast Executive Secretary to have reports sent to Laird McDowell in the future.

**Bryant Watson's Report:** Presently he is collecting materials for the Cooperative Agreement. It was indicated the same is about two weeks out. It is reported that the Federal money is set. Rates have been submitted to the federal highway agency for approval. The engineer efforts will begin on 5/10/07 beginning in St. Johnsbury.

**Interim Management Plan** - there are still issues which need to be addressed and approved in the near future: a. adjacent landowner to the committee; b. Procedure on how to deal with future landowner complaints; c. Interim agreement also calls for the development and maintenance plan be established.

It was noted that there is a procedure outlined in the present management plan. A sub-committee was established with Zeke Zucker, Ken Hoepfner, Chip Sawyer of LAC and Ethan Ready to work on this.

**Alan Robertson's Report:** He is still looking for a group of volunteers who know various sections of the LVRR and can be available to walk him through the areas. It was noted that ANR - Barry Cahoon is still moving forward with lower the rail bed in various areas in Franklin and Lamoille Counties. A Structural Engineer is on board from Alan's old firm. The assessment of the LVRR bed will begin this week.

**Capital Campaign - Matching Funds:** Ken Hoepfner proceeded with the assessment questionnaire and the results are that we need to work on this fund raising on a more aggressive schedule. Ken Hoepfner gave the committee a run down on information he had found regarding how to begin a capital campaign and Dumont Associates gives a free seminar and Ken felt that it would be beneficial for the committee to participate in the same. Motion was made, seconded and voted to set up the Seminar.

**Chip Sawyer of LAC Report:** He noted that there was a list of issues from LAC to our committee: a. Website - information is missing; b. Data base of our contact people and adjacent landowners list; c. Inquiry of official status of trail (need venue to present information); d. Publicity plans; e. clarify role of LAC and f. Interim approval from VTrans of timeline. Three major issues they feel are important are Development Plan, Maintenance Plan and LVRR Landowner location and information development.

It was noted that our committee needs a list of people and contact information that make up the LAC.

**Business Cards** - in production and hope to be available at next meeting.

**Old Business:** Trail guides for Alan Robertson's assessment

**New Business:** Mount Vernon Street Crossing discussed

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded and voted the meeting adjourned.

M. L. Bowen, Secretary