

LVRT Working Group Meeting
5/3/2023 @ 5 pm

Present:

Jan Gearhart
Douglas Molde
Adrienne Stevson
Peggy Williams
Casey Romero
Kyle Nuse
BJ Putvain
Yva Rose
Allie Kratzat

Non-committee

Shayne Spence
Bobbie Rooney

1. Call to Order

Meeting called do to order @ 5:04 pm.

2. Last Meeting Minutes

Committee moves to accept last meeting's minutes, all in favor.

3. Chair & VC

Committee moves to make Allie Kratzat chair, and BJ Putvain will co-chair. All in favor, Allie and BJ accept.

4. Meet Our Selectboard Liason

Shayne Spence: happy to be a member of the committee, local community member who wants to see Rail Trail flourish. Will be at all meetings.

5. Updates from Selectboard

Updated mission statement has been accepted by the Selectboard with minor changes, a finalized version will be sent out to members.

6. Our Objectives

- What needs to be in place in the community for the rail trail to be mutually beneficial to the people who use it vs the people in the community?
 - We need an inventory of what we already have to offer, what is missing (Places to eat, place to stay, bike repair/rentals, etc.)
 - We also need an accessible online document that we can all access
 - Johnson focused, packaged in a way we can get out to people as a cohesive
 - Facebook and website
- Link up with Johnson Works
 - Potential places to stay with the college?

What needs to be in place in the community for the rail trail to be mutually beneficial to the people who use it vs the people in the community?

- We need an inventory
- We need to get information out to people in various ways, including website and Facebook
- We need to figure out lodging options that protect current residents.

7. Rail Trail Opening Party

- Party was discussed, group will return to topic at later date. Yva will correspond with her contacts at the State about collaborating with the date TBD Vtrans party.

8. LCPC Committee Update / Information Share

Doug has officially been appointed by the Selectboard, Kyle as alternate. Next meeting will be later in May.

Casey

- Shared notes and materials from previous LCPC meetings
- Shared concept map of 5 mile loop. Talked about new bridge across the Lamoille to replace snowmobile bridge.

Doug

- Shared Community Values Mapping from March 2021 for our reference

Kyle

- Could LCPC committee members ask about trash and who is responsible for cleaning it up?
- LCPC is starting to put an Ambassador program together -- could we collaborate?

9. Next Meeting's Agenda

Collating lists of resources and needs

Update from Yva on State party

Update from Shayne on Selectboard matters

Update on Open Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 pm. Next meeting will be 5/17 at 6 pm.