

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
Community Committee Meeting Minutes

01/16/2024

Present: Doug Molde, Jim McDowell, Laird McDowell, Peter Ingvaldstad, Pat Ripley, Alex Delhagen, Jackie Cassino, Yva Rose, Marylou Colpas, Mike Green, Valerie Valcour, Hilary Warner, Kyle Nuse, Tricia Follert

LCPC Staff: Tori Hellwig, Alberto Della Torre

Introductions, Comments, Announcements (10:35)

- Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Sled Dog Race in 2 weeks – January 27-28 in Morrisville area
 - Call Mike Green at 802-888-2727 to volunteer!
- Cambridge Update
 - Damage on the greenway path that connects Jeffersonville to the LVRT.
 - Jeffersonville Farmer’s Market is cancelled for summer 2024.
- VTrans Update
 - Some damage in December. Rail Trail [damage dashboard](#) has been updated.
 - Entire LVRT is open as of 1/6, though rough sections remain. Roughest section in Wolcott-Hardwick area. Trail closures for repair work in Caledonia County expected in the Spring.
 - Full trail map update expected in the next few months.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT)

- NFCT is working the Lamoille River Paddlers’ Trail and community members to explore a potential clean up along the Lamoille River and the LVRT
 - From Cambridge to Hardwick
 - Hoping to identify the highest-impact areas and potential partners to recruit volunteers. Would like to work with partners to determine if and where clean up is needed.
- Green Up Day (05/04/24) identified as the best day to coordinate a volunteer day.
 - Trash collection, coordination efforts already in place.
 - The group was advised to be thoughtful about property boundaries. Concern about encroaching on private property during clean-up.
 - LCPC and VTrans will connect with other regions to explore interest in collaborating.

Potential LVRT Lamoille Projects

- Spreadsheet of potential projects was shared with the committee.
 - Wayfinding infrastructure was mentioned. Ideal as collaborative effort between multiple towns.

- Spur Trail expansion was mentioned.
- Local business mentioned the high-demand for overnight parking
 - Some overnight parking information can be found on the VTrans website.
- Conversation about users who Park & Ride

Meeting Adjourned (11:30)

Next Meeting: February 20 at 10:30AM