

LVRT Community Committee Meeting Minutes

03/19/2024

Present: Doug Molde, Laird McDowell, Peter Ingvoldstad, Alex Delhagen, Mary Walz, Zach Shaw, Hilary Warner, Victoria Hellwig, Alex Jones

10:31 – Introductions; Announcements

- Move Forward Vermont public survey open through 03/31/2024.
- VTrans updates:
 - o Repairs expected to include surface and subsurface work this season. Most repairs are expected to take between 4-6 weeks.
 - o Hardwick area only area expected to last longer and close the section of trail.
 - o Information available on the VTrans website
 - o Jackie Cassino will provide official update once the repair schedule is finalized.
- Ambassador Program Update
 - o VTrans is finalizing parameters for the pilot program to roll out this year
 - o Tentative schedule at this time: 1-2 opportunities for orientation May, Ambassadors present for peak season weekends July-September
- Town Updates
 - o Cambridge – the Greenway Trail severely damaged during the December flooding. The Town has applied for FEMA funding (~\$72,000) for resurfacing work
 - o Johnson – received a VOREC grant for safe access from the village to the trailhead on Railroad Street. The Town and Village will likely look to this group for comments and opinions.

Knotweed & the Rail Trail – Mary Wolz

- Mary Wolz from Knot in Hyde Park explained their effort & strategy to managing Knotweed sites in Hyde Park.
- She is looking for volunteers to help manage knotweed along the rail trail, and is willing to meet with individuals to go through proper management methods.
- Hilary expressed an interest, Mary and Hilary will follow up.

LVRT Green Up

- This group along with the Northern Forest Community Trails group are planning cleanup in towns along the rail trail in the region.
- Still need a town contact for Hyde Park to see if they are interested, Mary suggested contacting the Town green up coordinator Dawn Archbold.
- A flyer will be made with information regarding the effort and distributed by town point of contacts.
- Trailheads can be used as meeting spots for folks to gather and coordinate clean up locations on May 4.
- Towns should coordinate trash pick up in a central location.

- Cambridge explained they have some supplied (gloves, bags, hand soap) they can share.
- LCPC will provide maps for this event.

11:25 – Adjourned