

LVRT Community Committee Meeting Minutes

04/16/2024

Present: Bill Mason, Doug Molde, Jackie Cassino, Keith Gross, Peter Ingvaldstad, Zach Shaw, Hilary Warner, Alex Delhagen, Anna Green, Jim Ryan, Tori Hellwig, Alberto Della Torre

10:32 – Introductions; Announcements

- Request for Ideas for the Walk Bike summit in St. Johnsbury on 6/20
- One potential topic will be the LVRT.

10:35 – Green Up day update

- Points of Contacts have been connected with in Cambridge, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morrisville, Wolcott, Hardwick
 - o All Morrisville sections of trail have been accounted for, working with their local rec group. Meet at Oxbow Park.
 - o Johnson road crew will go to all intersections to pick up bags. Red Mill Building can be meeting point. Shayne Spence will have bags in Johnson, and Doug Molde will coordinate with Zach Shaw from VSC.
 - o Cambridge will have separate sign-up form from the Green Up Day app.
 - o Wolcott's 2 Green Up Day sections will be divided at the Town Office
- Alex sent "media kit" out to points of contact. Green Up will provide green trash bags.
- Contacts could also establish presence on Green Up Day app to help solicit volunteers and track statistics.
- Can Vtrans send people to pick up trash?
 - o Jackie says likely yes. If there are larger items in unsafe areas, etc. please report to the Rail Trails Staff, through the LVRT [Report A Trail Hazard](#) webpage. Sharps and needles should be left alone.
 - o VTrans Guidance is to not go further than 12-15 feet from the trail.

11:07 - LVRT Enforcement Issues

- Examples - Unauthorized users (ATVs), Illegal Parking
- If there is an emergency or you feel in danger, call 911.
- If there is a pattern, notify VTrans. Any additional information is helpful (photos, license plates, etc.).
- Enforcement options will vary depending on the situation, Vtrans will work with necessary partners.

11:11 Construction Update – December Storm Repairs

- Construction crew is in Franklin County, will be done in ~2.5 weeks.
- Next: Lamoille County, crew will be active on weekdays. Hopeful to be finished by 6/1.
- Location in East Hardwick will take most of the construction season to repair, hopeful to be finished by August. Minor restorations in Caledonia
- Updates will be posted on the VTrans website.

11:16 - Ambassador Program Pilot

- If interested in participating, fill out form at [the LVRT Website](#) and send to victoria@lpcvt.org
- Orientation meeting 6/1 from 9 am to 11 am, at the Morristown Town Office
- Volunteers will be provided some materials to work with, such as vests and trail maps.

11:21 - Trail Friendly Business Program Update

- Consultant is currently developing map platform, making progress on which platform will be used to map trail friendly businesses. Plan is to be done by June, ready to roll out this summer.
- Possible next step: develop Trail Friendly Business Program Guidebook
- Will review the criteria to enter the Trail Friendly Business Program at the meeting in May.

Adjourned 11:32