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### **Announcements and General Information**

A subgroup has been meeting around grants around the river etc.

Small group discussing rec. events and calendar. Met 2 weeks ago there was about 20 at City Hall. Positive lots of interest. Kelly Viens St. Albans Rec Director is really helping. Kelly may take a helpful lead role in this. Private as well as rec people were there.

January 10 5:30-7:00 **Regional Rec** meeting will happen. Hoping it will be a quarterly meet. Jim is coordinating food. Mix and mingle then talk about coordination of events, cross marketing. Chip Sawyer is also talking with chamber of commerce and is getting proposals (financial) to put together a recreational calendar, etc. He may have some seed money to do this. Northwest may already have the mechanism to get funds from towns on this. NRPC is also involved in this conversation, so Biking clubs, Rail trail members etc. will be involved. This came out of a coffee klatch that Elizabeth Nance set up on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be Open to the public.

Next EBI Planning meeting 12/28 8:30 am.

Next regular meeting 1/4 5:30 focus on Kiosk

**Better Connections Grant** had two working meetings. Did that with the financial person Joanne and Jonathan, etc. The work plan is out there and then spent time with Richard Amore going over the application and work plan. Greta is planning on being here on the 4<sup>th</sup> to give a synopsis. More info is out there regarding letters of support. Check your email or ask if you are looking for it. Six communities are applying. We are the only one from Franklin County. Stacy's group is looking at a Green up day event in May. A significant kick off event possibly at Harvest Fest – block party? Grant gets announced in March. A couple months to get someone on board.

**EFEDC** – Had a meeting. Has rewritten bylaws, etc. Meeting was yesterday at PTC. Next meeting is 1/17 at 3:30. Looking at getting an audit, bonding the treasurer, and getting liability insurance. Assessing what they own and what its worth. Lots of conversation about ideas. Jim tried to share ideas that have been brought up in this meeting. They have done 11 incentive loans, paid back for all but one which is currently being paid on. Its mission statement goes beyond the park.

Swanton and Highgate want to do a meeting with Enosburg to share ideas, goals and projects. Meeting will be in Highgate. Jim will get us a date.

Stacey spoke to possible river grants. Looking at possible canoes that could be loaned, and also wayfinding signage components that would steer people back to the village, history, etc. This grant is due February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Guests Speakers: Sarah Downes, Enosburg Forest, Steve Bernard (Mountain Biking Club), Nancy Patch (County Forester)

Nancy – Brownway River Trail a 2003 project. 28-acre floodplain restoration project. Permanent public trail held by an easement with the Vermont Land trust. 9000 trees have been planted. Part of the appeal was it was within 15-minute walk of the village. Connected with the Northern Forest Canoe trail. A primitive camping area, primitive privy. This is private land, very important! Anything to do with the land needs to be asked – Nancy is the point person for the Brown family on this project. They do pay for the work on the land. Two accesses to the river on the Brown property. There are multiple other access points. Island view, Lawyers Landing and beyond the treatment plant as well. Signage on rail trail/river trail could use some help. Signage between Browns and School property would need to be requested of the village. Noted that kiosk signage would be possible on at least the Village property. Cemetery permission for signage has been verbal.

Sarah – Enosburg Conservation Commission and Town Forest. Island View Park where the pull off is on the Duffy Hill Road. Great fishing spot. Also, another part of signage needs. Town Forest 120 acres is on Longley Bridge Road. There is a hiking trail marked, with a kiosk, flagging has been done, some clearing work needs to be done. Also, part of Cold Hollow to Canada, a regional conservation group. Parking is right at the sign. The entrance to the trail is across there.

Steve Bernard – Franklin County Mountain Biking Club – Some trails at Hardack and St. Albans Town Forest. We have days of trail work particularly after storms. They have guest speakers. They have a sister club in Montgomery - The Grateful Treads. West Hill and Enosburg Mountain are also great rides. Under the power lines seems that may be a great idea to look at for a bike trail. Also, a mapping of public dirt roads may be an opportunity. School forest may also be an opportunity. Jay Cloud cycling has also discussed this expansion as well. Trail Hub is an app that Steve wanted to make sure we are aware. The Mighty Onion riding club hosts a huge event that they may not be able to continue to host.

Noah Pollak – Northern Forest Canoe Trail – 740 miles canoe ride Old Forge NY to Port Kent, ME. Been around since 2004. Connects traditionally traveled paddle routes. About a 1000 members, do stewardship projects, websites, trip planning, [northernforestcanoetrail.org](http://northernforestcanoetrail.org) shows businesses in the area, portage areas, camping sites. Northern forest camping canoeing trips. Peddle Paddle race that goes from Richford to Berkshire, why not all the way to Enosburg.

Historic Markers, Green Up Day, couple ideas to share with student opportunities. Several classes that would be well suited for projects. High School REDesign, Entrepreneurial class, 3D Vermont competition. Maryann would be the logical contact for this year. Suzi will share the historical marker list with Maryanne for further work and Ward will be in constant contact.