

Governor's Snowmobile Council
August 5, 2026

Present:

Cindy Locke (Chair)
Pat Brennan – Senator
Patty Companik – VAST President
Stan Choiniere - Governor Appointee
Dustin Circe – Fish & Wildlife
Gary Nolan – VAST L/E Committee
Mike Mutascio – Governor Appointee
Jim Hill – Governor Appointee
Matt Tetreault – VAST Trails Administrator
Marc Poulin - Vermont Sheriff's Assoc

VAST Staff Present:

Tina Bedard, Office Manager

The meeting was convened at 3:00 PM via Zoom by Cindy Locke.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Hill moved to approve the June minutes as presented; Gary Nolan seconded. *MOTION CARRIED.*

Approval of SSTP Financial Report

Stan Choiniere moved to approve the SSTP Financial Report for June and July as presented; Jim Hill seconded. *MOTION CARRIED.*

Agency Reports

Vermont State Police (VSP), Jacob Metayer
Not Present.

Fish & Wildlife
Nothing to report.

Sheriff's Association Marc Poulin – VT Sheriff Association & Washington County Sheriff
Nothing to report.

Police Chiefs & Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Paul Doucette
Not Present.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Shannon Fassett
Not Present. Report sent states there was a total of 16,922 registrations with a revenue of \$430,118.

Forest, Parks & Recreation, Claire Polfus

Not Present.

Legislative Report

House Report - Jim Casey

Not present.

Senate Report – Pat Brennan

Nothing to report. Session closed. Working on a solution to make roads better.

General VAST Updates

Currently planning, working on budgets, contracts, and scheduling the LE orientation. LE reports are finished and will be sent out. There will be a CPR/VSAP meeting on 10/10 at the Waterbury Fire Station. It starts at 9 and will go until 2 at the latest. Lunch will be provided. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Top of the World on 8/29. The links for lunch tickets are on the website.

Law Enforcement – Gary Nolan

Scheduling a LE training session.

VAST Safety Committee, Stan

Nothing to report.

SSTP Trail Report, Matt

SSTP is not giving enough money for programs. The board of Directors voted to put \$100,000 to supplement the equipment grant funding.

There was \$700,000 requested in grants and only \$500,000 to spend. Some requests did get denied. Some requests were cut back.

Construction should begin soon for most of those projects.

Northwest, Jim

Nothing to report. Clubs are currently or will be starting projects.

Northeast, Mike

Projects are starting.

Central, Jeff

Not Present.

South, Stan

Projects are underway.

Cindy is looking into a trail camera project and will be bringing it to the board for them to decide on.

Stan Choiniere makes a motion, Mike Mutascio seconded to adjourn meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3:35 PM.

Next Meeting: The next Governor's Snowmobile Council scheduled meeting will be on September 2, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Bedard
VAST Office Manager