

Governor's Snowmobile Council

June 3, 2026

Present:

Cindy Locke (Chair)
Claire Polfus – Forest Parks & Recreation
Patty Companik – VAST President
Stan Choiniere - Governor Appointee
Dustin Circe – Fish & Wildlife
Gary Nolan – VAST L/E Committee
Jacob Metayer – State Police
Mike Mutascio – Governor Appointee
Jim Hill – Governor Appointee
Jeff Halpin – Governor Appointee
Shannon Fassett – VT DMV

VAST Staff Present:

Tina Bedard, Office Manager
Mandy Dwinell, Programs & Trails Manager
The meeting was convened at 3:02 PM via Zoom by Cindy Locke.

Approval of Minutes

Stan Choiniere moved to approve the May minutes as presented; Jim Hill seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of SSTP Financial Report

Stan Choiniere moved to approve the SSTP Financial Report for May as presented; Patty Companik seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Agency Reports

Vermont State Police (VSP), Jacob Metayer

Not much to report. There is no date set for train the trainer yet.

Fish & Wildlife

Observing. Nothing to report

Sheriff's Association Marc Poulin – VT Sheriff Association & Washington County Sheriff

Not Present.

Police Chiefs & Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Paul Doucette

Not Present.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Shannon Fassett Shannon reported:

5/31/25 17,467 snowmobiles registered with a \$446,669 revenue.

5/31/26 17,722 snowmobiles registered with a \$451,134 revenue.

Forest, Parks & Recreation, Claire Polfus

FPR is about to enter the black out period. When the budget is approved today it will be sent to VAST to review.

Legislative Report

House Report - Jim Casey

Not present.

Senate Report – Pat Brennan

Not present.

General VAST Updates

Currently planning, working on budgets, contracts, and scheduling the LE orientation.

Law Enforcement – Gary Nolan

Working on totaling up the total of violations which will be done by august.

VAST Safety Committee, Stan

There was no quorum for May. The Safety Committee will be completing a report for the Annual Meeting report.

SSTP Trail Report, Matt

Cindy reported for Matt: Matt is reviewing grant requests and will be meeting with Cindy. Signs are picked up and trails are being cleaned up.

**Stan Choiniere moved to approve the SSTP Budget as presented; Stan Choiniere seconded.
MOTION CARRIED**

Northwest, Jim

Nothing to report.

Northeast, Mike

Clubs are meeting deadlines. Legacy clubs are hitting the 100th year anniversary.

Central, Jeff

Clubs are working on trails and bridges.

South, Stan

Windsor County Clubs met the deadline for construction course. Landowner appreciation events are being planned.

Clubs are working on getting trail projects done early.

Jeff Halpin 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 August

5, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Bedard
VAST Office Manager