

## **Governor's Snowmobile Council**

**May 7, 2025**

### **Present:**

Pat Poulin (Chair)  
Jacob Metayer, VSP  
Claire Polfus – Forest Parks & Recreation  
Patty Companik – VAST President  
Mike Mutascio – Governor Appointee  
Paul Doucette – Chiefs Assoc. & Southern Vermont  
Wilderness Search & Rescue

Gary Nolan – VAST L/E Committee Chair  
Pat Brennan – Vermont State Senator  
Cindy Locke, VAST Executive Director  
Marc Poulin – Vermont Sheriff's Assoc  
Shannon Fassett – Vermont DMV  
Jenna Reed – Fish and Wildlife

### **VAST Staff Present:**

Mandy Dwinell, Programs & Trails Manager  
Matt Tetreault, VAST Trails Administrator  
Tina Bedard, Office Manager

The meeting was convened at 3:05 PM via Zoom by Pat Poulin.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Cindy Locke moved to approve the April minutes as presented; Marc Poulin seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Approval of SSTP Financial Report of March Matt**

**Mike Mutascio moved to approve the SSTP Financial Report for March as presented; Marc Poulin seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

Matt reviewed and explained the plowed parking and registration cost. Plowed parking was at 97%, and registration was higher than normal. He worked with the FPR to adjust where needed.

### **Agency Reports**

Vermont State Police (VSP), Jacob Metayer

VSP is still waiting for the online course vendor to complete the adjustments requested. The length of the course is being extended.

Fish & Wildlife, Jenna Reed

1 warden has been out on a boat so far.

1 warden is graduating from the police academy on 5/30/25 and will be heading to warden school in June.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Will be meeting Friday with Nicole Dernier to go over data. When the report is completed it will be sent to Cindy.

#### Department of Motor Vehicles, Shannon Fassett

Shannon was not present; Matt presented the DMV report.

11,817 registered snowmobiles, 5,626 registered non-residents. Total 17,443 with a revenue of \$146,197

#### Forest, Parks & Recreation, Claire Polfus

Waiting for the Federal Highway authorization for the RTP grants. When they get authorization, they can move forward with their process.

#### **VAST**

##### Update

There are a lot of projects going on currently.

End-of-year financial projections. Finance committee at 5 pm.

May 17 is the leadership summit for the VAST Board of Directors.

We will be reviewing policy VS. by- Laws, and Conflict of Interest.

Mark, Patty, Mandy, Matt, Jeff Fay, and Cindy will be attending congress that is being held on Prince Edward Island. They will all be attending intensive daily meetings and bringing back good information.

Cindy is working on two different reports currently. One report is on grooming and how it is logged or tracked, the other is on paper maps. She is still gathering information.

#### Law Enforcement (LE) Committee, Gary

Waiting for 1 report.

#### VAST Safety Committee, Stan

Stan was not present. Cindy shared the report.

What 3 words sign was designed by Roger and Stan. Mandy is reaching out to vendors and intends to add other safety signs.

The committee will be going to different dealerships when they have events to spread the word on safety. They will call themselves Adventure Readiness. Cindy ordered a canopy tent for the committee.

#### Fines, Cindy

Waiting to hear back from the judiciary.

#### **FY26 SSTP Budget Preview**

Matt answered questions regarding the draft budget.

Discussion on registrations being down 700 to 1000, and TMAs being up. This means that more out-of-staters bought TMA's this year.

Discussion on upping the amount of the plowed parking line.

#### **SSTP Trail Report, Matt**

End of season sign pick up, projects being submitted. Spring construction course is currently available for any club that wants to request any funding. The chainsaw course is available until 9/1.

#### **2024 Vermont Snowmobile Regulations update**

This is being worked on.

## **Legislative Report**

### House Report

Cindy reported that the legislature is very busy and they may be in session until early June.

### Senate Report – Pat Brennan

Not present.

## **Appointee Reports**

### Northwest, Jim

End of year clean up.

### Northeast, Mike

Closing gates, picking up signs. End-of-season stuff is being done.

### Central, Jeff

Not present.

### South, Stan

Not present.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

**Paul Doucette moved to close the meeting at 3:47 pm; Mike Mutascio seconded. Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting:** The next Governor's Snowmobile Council scheduled meeting will be June 4, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Bedard  
VAST Office Manager