

## Claremont Amtrak Ad-hoc Committee

June 30, 2015

Members present: Charlene Lovett, Carolyn Towle, Raymond Gagnon

Members absent: James Reed, Scott Magnuson

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Chair called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm

1. Amtrak outfitting of Vermonter rail cars with equipment to transport bicycles has been delayed and may not be available/on line by the July 25 date for the Claremont Tire Tracks Bike Tour.
  - a. Ctee was informed that no expenses have been incurred – exception is the insurance which can be delayed,
  - b. Discussion by the committee members present was re: course of action. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the group present to postpone the event to the fall (Sept/Oct).
2. Positive aspects of postponing the event was it would give the committee additional time to solicit more sponsors, as well as more time for marketing the event.
3. Discussion focused on the need to create a sponsor packet that would include:
  - a. Cover letter describing the event,
  - b. Sample poster advertising the event,
  - c. Rate sheet,
4. Carolyn Towle has identified additional commercial entities who should be approached relative to their possible co-sponsoring the event. She has agreed to update the list and electronically share it with the full committee,
5. Discussion also focused on marketing the event in miles vs kilometers, as well as possibly create/modify one of the tours to be more family friendly in scope that captured the historic elements of the region.
6. On a related matter – John Lambert has asked to meet with the Chair and a local business who might be open to donating the material for a permanent shelter at the Jct. Also, a local contractor has expressed an interest in providing the site work needed for construction of the shelter.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM – motion by Ms. Towle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Gagnon – unanimous concurrence.

Respectfully submitted by

Raymond Gagnon  
Acting Scribe.