**Vermont Community Development Association**

**Spring Meeting**

**May 10, 2017**

**BLAZING A TRAIL:**

**The Economic Impact & Future of Vermont’s Trails & Recreation Paths**

**-AGENDA-**

9:30 **Welcome** - VCDA Board Chair, Paul Hill

 Kevin Mack, General Manager, Burke Mountain

9:40 **KEYNOTE – Mike Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation**

 **\*Trails Systems as an Economic Driver\***

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **What is the Economic Impact of Trail Systems and Recreation Paths in Vermont?**

**Moderator:** Ben Doyle

**Panel I.**

 **Tim Tierney**, Executive Director, Kingdom Trail Association

 **Cindy Locke**, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Snow Travelers

 **Michael Debonis**, Executive Director, Green Mt. Club

 **Karrie Thomas**, Executive Director, Northern Forest Canoe Trail

 **Doon Hinderyckx,** owner/operator, Green Mountain Bikes, Rochester, VT

12:15 **Lunch**

1:15 **Cindy Locke, Executive Director, VAST – Connecting Communities- The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail**

1:20 **The Road Ahead: What’s Next for Trails Systems and Recreation Paths in Vermont?**

 **Moderator:** Jenna Koloski

 **Panel II.**

 **Jessica Savage,** Recreation Program Manager, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

**Melissa Reichert,** Recreation Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service

 **Steve Cook**, Deputy Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing

 **Tracy Zschau**, Conservation Director, Vermont Land Trust

 **George Twigg**, Staff, Congressman Peter Welch

**Drew Pollak-Bruce**, Associate Planner, SE Group, Burlington, VT

3:15 **Wrap-Up**