



VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL

"Creating a unified equine voice"

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I had the opportunity to participate in the first of seven public meetings organized by the newly formed Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative and Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to discuss outdoor recreation in Vermont. This first gathering brought together close to 100 people from diverse segments of outdoor recreation in Vermont. The room was filled with excitement as people networked and shared their ideas for supporting and sustaining the outdoor recreation economy in Vermont.

These gatherings allow FPR staff and VOREC to gather feedback and ideas on how Vermont might achieve the following principal objectives:

1. Promote business opportunities.
2. Increase participation opportunities.
3. Strengthen the quality and extent of our recreational resources.
4. Strengthen the stewardship of our recreational resources.

This information was gathered in an informally structured way. If you're planning to attend a session, preparing your suggestions prior to the gathering will make it easier to participate in the process.

Remaining sessions are listed below. I believe I was the only representative of equine interests at this gathering – so I would encourage attendance to be sure equestrian needs are included in this important planning process. Contact vthorsecouncil@gmail.org for more information.

- **Monday, September 25th:** Island Pond Town Hall, 49 Mill St, Island Pond, VT 05846. 6-8 pm.
- **Tuesday, October 3rd:** Community College of [Vermont](http://www.vermont.edu), [60 West St, Rutland, VT 05701](http://www.vermont.edu). 6-8 pm.
- **Tuesday, October 10th:** City Hall, [100 North Main Street, St. Albans, VT 05478](http://www.cityofalbansvt.com). 6-8 pm.
- **Monday, October 16th:** The Evening Star Grange [1008 East-West Rd, East Dummerston, VT 05346](http://www.eveningstar.com). 6-8 pm.
- **Monday, October 23rd:** Hartford Town Hall 171 Bridge St White River Junction, VT 05001. 6-8 pm.
- **Tuesday, October 24th:** The West Mountain Inn, 144 W. Mountain Inn Rd, Arlington, VT 05250. 6-8 pm.

For those who cannot attend an in-person meeting, an online survey will go live on **September 12th** on our webpage, www.fpr.vermont.gov/VOREC.