

RCC Meeting 3/8/16

Members present: Judy Rosovsky, Jacob Davignon, Bob Low, Alison Anand, Andy Solomon

Visiting community member: Sam Gaulty interested in joining the commission

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Members of the commission decided to wait to approve minutes until there was more time for their review.

RCC participation in the river race sponsored by Friends of the Winooski River was discussed. Jacob Davignon has been coordinating this collaboration. The date of the race is June 5th. The RCC will have a table, with details about its mission, Richmond's natural resources, and a sign up sheet for the river clean up in September.

The group discussed the problem of the overharvesting of ferns. The recommended limit is 1lb per household per year. In the past letters have been written to local restaurants or other establishments to raise awareness of the problem. The group discussed this year drafting a letter signed by RCC, the Richmond Land Trust and Nature Conservancy. RCC further discussed how to best publicize the problem, including posting on front porch forum, contacting the Richmond Land Trust to determine if there is a map of high risk public and private areas to determine where to post signs (and where to ask landowners permission to post signs).

A brief update on Gillett Pond was presented: skating has been good. Richmond Land Trust is considering the engineering estimate on the dam. Current estimates are approximately \$500,000.

The RCC photo contest discussion was deferred until next meeting when Elizabeth Wright, who is coordinating this effort, is able to attend.

The group discussed posting the updated natural resources recommendations for the updated Town Plan on the town web site.

There was a brief update on Green Up Day-Andy Solomon has been discussing an creation of an interactive online map for signup, with a Richmond expert in GIS, he hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

Minutes by Andy Solomon