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## Revised agenda

6 messages

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**Rosovsky, Judy** <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov>

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 8:11 AM

To: Robert Low <Bob.Low@uvm.edu>, Kathryn Krieder <ktop211@gmail.com>, Max Krieger <max.krieger@gmail.com>, Daniel Schmidt <schmidt.danielpaul@gmail.com>, Kit Emery <kaemery@gmavt.net>, Elizabeth Wright <ecwright1414@gmail.com>, Bradford Elliott <bradge@comcast.net>, Ravi Venkataraman <rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov>, "Arneson, Joshua" <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Cc: Jim Monahan <jmjmonahan@gmail.com>

Hi all,

Jim M. would like time for the RCC to review the modified Rivershore Trail Repair application.

I have attached the amended agenda and the original trail repair request. I am hoping that Jim can send an updated version but they essentially just need materials now as Trails will contribute the labor. That may be in the order of \$3-5K.

Unfortunately I forgot to change the name of the agenda so be sure not to confuse it with the original.

Thanks,

Judy Rosovsky

VAAFM State Entomologist

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**From:** Rosovsky, Judy

**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 9:28 PM

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**Subject:** revised draft minutes and draft agenda

Hi all,

Please find attached a revised set of minutes. Commissioners who wish to see the marked up version please contact me and I'll send it to you.

I have attached a preliminary agenda. I just contacted Jim Monahan to see if he wants to re-submit the trails repair proposal, so that item is pending.

Brad Elliott has requested time to speak to the RCC about the ACFC trail proposal, and his request is attached.

Ibit, I've put in time for you to review the Green Up event, if you would like to do so. If not, please let me know. If we wait til the June meeting there would be more time.

The draft agenda is due to the town tomorrow, presumably in time to be posted (not end of day), so if you have any comments or suggested changes please let me know ASAP.

And can the authors of the February and March minutes assure me that you sent me the final, amended versions, before I send them to the town to be archived?

Thanks,

Thanks all,

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**Daniel Schmidt** <[schmidt.danielpaul@gmail.com](mailto:schmidt.danielpaul@gmail.com)>

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 11:53 AM

To: "Rosovsky, Judy" <[Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov](mailto:Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov)>

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Hi all,

I'm just replying to the RCC (I took Brad and Jim off the email thread). I'm not sure if this topic is appropriate to discuss over email or if it needs to be discussed in a more public forum. It's related to the agenda, so I need to mention it before our meeting, but I also want to abide by the rules for discussions that take place outside a public forum. So I'll ask my question but perhaps the responses might not be appropriate for an email discussion. Maybe Josh or Ravi can provide guidance on how to proceed with these questions.

Regarding the agenda item, "Request for time to address the RCC from Brad Elliott." I'm wondering about both the optics and the impact of giving Brad Elliott a significant amount of time to share his perspective prior to our discussion. I have two thoughts:

1. Having a one-sided presentation prior to our discussion (8:30 Andrews Community Forest Committee – request for comments from RCC – continued discussion) feels like it won't be representative of the many voices and viewpoints that the Richmond community hold on trails in the ACF. And having this presentation come right before the discussion has the optics of Brad priming the committee for the discussion. To me, it both feels unbalanced in terms of perspectives and I think some members of the public might see it this way as well.
2. Brad has voiced his opinion on the ACF in meetings and in writing, and has been one of the most vocal members of the public. It seems worth questioning if we make more space for someone who has already provided a significant amount of public comment. I would be happy to allow him to make comments at the beginning of the meeting, similar to any member of the public. However, I am aware how a single voice can dominate the conversation and I'm wanting to ensure that the RCC meeting doesn't become a forum for one person's perspective.

Thanks for hearing my concerns!

Daniel

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**Rosovsky, Judy** <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov>

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 11:59 AM

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Thanks Dan, those are good questions and I wrestled with them too. It is my usual practice to put members of the public early on the agenda, and to accept all requests for discussion from the public, so I was trying to follow standard practices and be fair and not make exceptions. And we do not need to engage Brad in debate; he can voice his opinion and we can listen to him and have our own discussion. If you think the commission will be influenced by his opinion, which I think is more about the role of the RCC than specifically about the trails, that is a concern.

Josh and Ravi, I too would welcome your opinion on this. Can you let us know how the RCC can communicate internally about this, if at all, given the open meeting laws?

Thanks,

Judy Rosovsky

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**Subject:** Re: Revised agenda

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**Josh Arneson** <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>  
To: Assistant to the Town Manager <dwardwell@richmondvt.gov>

Duncan,

Please post the attached agenda in the online and physical locations.

Thanks,

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**Max Krieger** <max.krieger@gmail.com> Tue, May 10, 2022 at 10:46 AM  
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Judy, et al.,

Given that the discussion raised by Daniel is more about procedure rather than substantive Commission business, I believe it is allowable outside of a meeting. However, the preference is always to have these discussions at a public meeting (if that makes sense) to allow for input.

Perhaps we can set aside some time either at the beginning, or in matters arising, to discuss how the RCC takes public comments (at meetings and outside of them?).

As Judy noted, standard procedure is to allow for all public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Typically RCC has allowed the public to participate freely in meetings and interject as desired. However, with contentious topics it may be worth setting boundaries at the beginning of the meeting (such as public comment regarding x topic will be limited to x period of the discussion and will be given x amount of time per commenter). This would provide a more equal playing field for the public as a whole to participate, and avoid any issue of one voice being heard more often than others.

Josh, please do let us know the Town's opinion regarding this procedural discussion.

All the best,

-Max

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**Josh Arneson** <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 11:05 AM

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Hi,

This probably is straying beyond agenda setting and we should cease discussion over email. Please review what was discussed on this email thread in the meeting and we'll post the email thread on the website for full transparency.

Your agenda for this evening is set so you need to follow it and allow Brad time to speak during his agenda item. Going forward you may want to consider not adding agenda items for one person to present on a topic that is already on the agenda. Instead invite that person to provide their comments during the agenda item on that topic. Procedurally you can limit discussion to just Commission members at the start of the agenda item and then open up for public comment. You can also limit that public comment to a set number of minutes per person (2-5 min perhaps) to ensure everyone gets a chance to speak and that one person does not dominate the conversation.

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