

RCC Meeting 07/29/19

Notes: RBL

Present: Judy, Jimmy, Bob, Jack, Ibit (by phone)

Guests: Wright Preston, Jeremy Hoff, Lou Borie, Josh Arneson

- Discussion of working with RLT on conserving the small Richmond Town Forest off Stage Road, along the town line with Bolton.
 - Wright reviewed the history of the property – see minutes from RCC meeting of 07/09/19: size, surrounded by conserved lands, Bolton CC and Selectboard on board, too small for State interest, threat is Richmond selling the parcel and it is developed (e.g. hunting lodge).
 - If town sells the land, would have to be auctioned off to highest bidder.
 - RLT risk: RLT has insurance
 - Does not appear to be an official Right-Of-Way. The law not completely clear regarding the extent to which one could be created (e.g. for logging, vs for building, etc.)
 - Would make sense for land ultimately to go to PRELCO.
 - RLT seeks RCC support to pursue with Selectboard, may in future come to RCC with request for CRF support.

Motion to approve RCC working with Richmond Land Trust toward conserving the small Richmond Town Forest off Stage Road, along the town line with Bolton (Judy has wording): unanimous.

Meeting started ca 5:40

Meeting ended ca 6:00

Minutes taken by Bob Low