RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Tuesday June 19, 2018

Present: Jason Osterman, Ed Wells, Callie Ewald, Katie Kreider, Mike Donahue, Jim Monahan and Jean Bressor

-Rivershore update:

-Trails Budget (10 mins)

$110. 00 brochures

$161.00 bridge

         $225.00 wood

Need:

Preston brochures

Wood for signage

Wood for bridge

-Work Days (10 mins)

    AFT - Jean will contact

    Rivershore reroute - Jean will talk to Richmond Land Trust members

    Others? Sip of Sunshine and Lung Ta

-Andrews Town Forest Mapping (15 mins)

Proposed trail map

Sent through

to interim comm

Jean will ask Hannah for details

-Mission Statement (15 mins)

**The mission** of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths

Ed Wells proposed a change to the mission statement -withdrew his proposal

NRCS - study the land

Trail standards?

Bridge checking?

***“Mission Statement - It was withdrawn by me with hopes it or similar language could be added elsewhere.  The proposed statement: “Our efforts are consistent with best ecological practices , management requirements as outlined in easements and landowner agreements, respect traditional as well as evolving land/recreational uses and are in accordance with Richmond’s Code of Ethics.”***

***We spent quite a bit of time discussing the “ecological” piece.  Many points for and against RTC taking on more environmental responsibility for its trails were expressed with no final decisions or votes.  There was no time for the remaining 3 parts. “***

**The Committee voted at the July 2018 meeting to add this section.**

-Preston Management Plan/trail density ATF (10 mins)

-Wright Preston - came to speak to the committee about moving the trail at two pinch points - away from directly on the line - wants a buffer. David Sunshine has stated that he does not want to move the trail

Action steps: three choices:

-David and Wright talk to each other

-David and Wright come to a meeting

-Trails comm reps speak to David

Wright wants five or ten feet back from his property line

***“Wright also shared information about a Department of Agriculture program – NRCS.  Apparently this program issues grants to landowners for wildlife habitat assessment.  He also suggested that we consider adding a land trust member to the RTC to serve as a resource for this kind of information”***

**The Committee voted at the July 2018 meeting to add this section.**