

Richmond Trails Committee

6/15/21

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held in person at Cochran's

Present: Alison Aiken, Jean Bressor, Willie Lee, Chase Rosenberg, Jim Monahan, Mike Donohue, Callie Ewald, Hannah Harrington, Jed Rankin

No community members present

1. No minutes from last meeting due to having a trail work day at Sip of Sunshine.
2. New members Hannah and Jed were introduced to current members
3. Trail updates: Old Jericho Road Trail has two large trees down. Jim volunteered to cut those up. There was a discussion about putting ramps on both sides of the large bridge. Jim stated that he reflagged the reroute on Sip of Sunshine and it needs some work to finish it up. Volunteer's Green Trail has a tree down. Rivershore Trail needs weed whacking. Johnny Brook Trail has giant hogweed that is leaning over into the trail. There was a discussion about how best to cut it and the possibility of putting up a warning sign to alert people who are not aware of what it is.
4. Rivershore Bridges: Callie suggested that we do an assessment of what is needed for bridge replacement and additional bridges on the Rivershore Trail. Many of the bridges are in poor condition. After getting an estimate of the cost of materials and professional building cost, the committee will apply for a grant from the Conservation Commission. Depending on the cost, we may hire a professional to build the bridges, or we may use volunteer labor, or a combination of the two. There was discussion of the possibility of improving accessibility as well, such as wider bridges that can accommodate hand cycles. Jim has a contact with VYCC and he will reach out regarding an estimate to have bridges built. Trails Committee members are all in agreement to pursue this.
5. Andrews Town Forest: Jim gave a brief update. The trail design by Arrowwood and Sinuosity is complete. There will be 6-8 miles of trails total and they will connect with Sip of Sunshine and VYCC. After the Andrews Town Forest Committee approves the plan then it will go to the selectboard for review and approval.
6. Williams Hill: The recent presentation to the selectboard was briefly reviewed. All Trails Committee members are supportive of an independent survey of the corridor to determine class 4 road status if the Selectboard decides to pursue a survey.
7. Sign Painting: Members worked on painting beautiful new wood trail signs that Willie has made. Some work is still needed before they will be complete and ready for installation.