

Richmond Trails Committee Meeting

3/16/21

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Willie Lee, Jean Bressor, Jim Monahan, Halle Harklau, Mike Donahue, Alison Aiken, Tyler Merritt, Chase Rosenberg, Martha Marciel, Kate Kreider

Community Member Present: Max Krieger

1. Minutes from last meeting approved.
2. Max Kreiger: He is on the Conservation Commission and stated that the Trails Committee should keep in mind that there are funds available that we could apply for to use for trail projects/improvements. He also mentioned that there are two open seats on the Conservation Committee this year if anyone is interested in joining.
3. Williams Hill Update: Chase stated that the neighbors on the class 4 road are opposed to the right of way being cleared to make a trail. Chase reached out to Josh Arneson and after looking into it Josh responded that the Trails Committee needs to submit a formal request to the Selectboard if we would like this issue to be pursued further. Chase agreed to write up a request and the Trails Committee will review the request at our next meeting. After review, the request will be sent to the Selectboard.
4. Snowdog Update: Mike attempted to contact Billy but has not been able to connect with him regarding grooming some of Preston. He will attempt to contact him again and ask about grooming for next winter. The loop on Andrews/Maple Wind/VYCC was groomed and it has had lots of use from various types of users. Next year they will plan to start grooming the loop earlier in the winter.
5. Mud Season Signage: Willie presented an example of a sign to be used in select areas of the trails to help keep users off the trails when it is muddy. The sign was approved by members and Willie agreed to print and laminate the signs. He hopes to have them up as soon as possible with the warmer weather approaching. Willie also agreed to create a Front Porch Forum post educating the public to stay off trails that are muddy.
6. Andrews Updates: Update provided by Tyler: The trail design is in process by Sinuosity and it will be completed by early June. The trail design is funded by a combination of grants and funds from the logging on the property. The actual trail building will most likely be a mix of volunteer hand building and paid machine building. The Andrews' committee has been talking with VYCC regarding allowing bike use, which is currently prohibited. VYCC is open to the idea of bike use, however they will need to go through the process of writing a new land management plan, so the process will take some time.