

Richmond Trails Committee Meeting

4/27/21

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Willie Lee, Kate Kreider, Chase Rosenberg, Jim Monaham, Jean Bressor, Tyler Merritt, Alison Aiken, Halle Harklau

No community members present

1. Meeting minutes from last month approved.
2. Williams Hill Update: Chase showed us his write-up and maps to present to the selectboard. Committee members reviewed and approved for him to go forward with presenting to the selectboard. An adjacent landowner to the class 4 right of way put up signs and a large log barricade across the trail. Chase will seek approval from the selectboard to remove the barricade. Chase will notify other trail committee members when this item will be on the selectboard agenda so members can attend if they are able.
3. Membership: We have two members stepping down this year and three new members have applied. We have enough space for all new members due to some existing vacancies.
4. Andrew's Town Forest Update: Jim stated that Brook from Sinuosity has flagged about half of the 7-8 miles of trails and he is waiting for the ecologist to sign off on it. They are making good progress and have a June 1st deadline for completion of the trail plan.
5. Bridge Street Study: Jean presented the Bridge Street Study results for review. The town/transportation committee requested recommendations from this committee of which options we feel are best. After review our committee chose to recommend alternative #3 for Bridge Street and the mini roundabout for the four way intersection at Bridge St/Cochran road. Jean will inform the transportation committee of our recommendations.
6. Trails Language in the Town Plan: Jean brought up the suggestion of looking into how we can put trails language into the town plan (ie: requiring trails/paths to be built in any new development). The committee agreed that this is a good idea to explore and it would help promote connectivity of non-motorized paths throughout our town. Jean will reach out to Virginia on the Planning Commission and Energy Committee to hear the thoughts of their members. Jim stated that one of the Jericho Trails Committee members has been working on this as well, and Jim will reach out to him to learn more.

7. Coordinating Opening/Closing of Trails: Willie stated that he checked and we do not have to notify private landowners when we open or close trails. Willie stated that he gets reports from various trail users on conditions. He and Jim update the spreadsheet accordingly to keep it as up to date as possible. We do not manage the opening/closing of trails on Chamberlain or Cochrans.
8. Lower IPT and Graveyard Trails: Tyler stated that he talked to the landowner, Chi Chi Barrett, and she gave permission for downed trees on the trail to be removed, but she does not want any other trail work done at this time.
9. Johnny Brook: Alison posted a no parking sign at the small turn-around on the sharp corner. It appears that some people are still parking there.
10. Trail Days: Jim reported that Sip of Sunshine is a mess, lots of water/poor drainage, and the lower trail is destroyed. He stated that our best option for repair is probably to reroute the trail and put in some bridges or a boardwalk. The old bridges are still intact from before. Chase suggested doing a FPF posting asking for donated lumber for the project. Kate suggested doing a FPF posting to get volunteers to help us with the trail work since it will be a big job. Members agreed that the FPF postings are a good idea. The trail work evening will be May 12th from 4:30 until dark. Jim will ask David for permission to park vehicles and he will walk the area with David beforehand to get his thoughts on rerouting the trail.