

**Minutes of Richmond Trails Committee Meeting
Tuesday June 16th 2015 at 7pm at the Town Center**

Committee Members Present: Callie Ewald, John Hamerslough, Jim Monahan, Tyler Merritt, Jean Bressor, Martha Marciel

Absent: Steve Bower, Jackson Bressor, Veronique Beittel, Ian Stokes

Copy to: Geoffrey Urbanik (Town Manager), Carol Mader (Town Offices).

Call to order 7:10pm

Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment: (None)

Minutes of May 2015 meeting were approved.

Trail Reports

Preston Loops

Karen Yaggy will be working on making more trail signs. Loggers were working on the land since the last trail day, so additional damage was done to sections of the trail. Tyler did some work to re-route. Jim completed placing the trail markers. There is one tree on the lower loop to take down.

Rivershore

Several trees fell and several feet of the trail were lost to the river on the end near Wheeler Lane. John needs to speak with the new land owners of that section prior to re-routing. Upstream from the canoe access a large tree above the bridge fell and needs to be removed. The bridge is intact, but blocked. The lower half of Rivershore is in poor shape. Water is covering sections and other parts are muddy. The planning for Fiddlehead protection was tabled for another meeting date.

Safford Preserve

A log is down near the Cochran Rd. entrance. It is newly mowed thanks to Francis Churchill. This trail would benefit from water bars.

Volunteers' Green

There was a rotten log down that John took care of. Another tree is leaning low over the trail and requires some work. John and Jackson will work on it soon.

Old Jericho Rd Trail

There are two trees down on the trail and a landslide that did not impact the trail. Logs have been placed in the swales, but need to be removed. There was water damage above the bridge.

Johnnie Brook Trail

There is need for repair of the ramp on the south side of the bridge. Ian is setting up a meeting with the excavator operator to plan the ditching and shaping work. There is a work party on June 25 at 5:30 to work on the bridge.

Other Business:

- There was a comment on FPF from a local resident who was not able to follow the trail map to find the VYCC trails. VYCC responded that they are still working on maintaining and clearing their trails. Ian also responded to the townsperson to provide more information.
- Brainstormed ways to extend trail options in the Old Jericho Rd region. Tyler to follow up with a local landowner.
- The committee is interested in getting a map that shows property lines and owners.
- Jean is interested in initiating more community hikes to showcase the local trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Note: Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Submitted by Tyler Merritt