

Richmond Trails Committee Meeting

5-17-16

Present: John H., Jim M., Veronique B., Martha M., Sam G., Ian S., Jean B., Tyler M., Callie E., Willie L.

Not Present: Steve B.

-New Members - Welcome to Willie and Sam as new committee members. Thank you to Ian for all of your years of service to the committee!

-Minutes approved

- Preston Trails- Tyler stated the Legal Graveyard Trail is ready for a work day. One crew can start at the top and one at the bottom. Each crew needs a chainsaw and Pulaski. Sections of this trail are on Berne Broudy and Mike Donahue's land. There is an agreement in place. The work day will be Tuesday, May 31, 5pm at the Round Church. **Callie will send out a FPF post.**

Steve worked on updating a map for the Preston Preserve and Karen Yaggy has been making map boxes. The plan is to add the Legal Graveyard Trail to the map prior to printing time. **Ian will track this trail.**

-Grant opportunities. OGE has grants up to \$1500 for land access, education or conservation related activities. **Callie will research this more.**

-Willis Hill update- Jim and Martha met with a subcommittee of the Land Trust, Joy Reap and a representative of VYCC to discuss Willis Hill. The Reaps are in support of trails, ideally helping to connect the village to the park and ride and potentially to the school. The Land Trust is first working on installing a parking lot. Once the parking lot is in place, they will

look into trail options. They are open to feedback from the community, the trail committee and the school about desired uses. The Trail committee potentially offered to assist with trail work days in the future.

- MMU work day - May 20th 10-12pm. Work will be done to dry out a section near the metal bridge. **Tyler will meet the crew with buckets to provide instruction. John or Callie will drop off gravel near the site in advance.**
- Congo Church work day - June 5th Project 1A is to place trail markers on the Legal Graveyard Trail. This trail will have white markers. Project 1B is to put up more blue markers on the Merritt Parkway. Project 2 is to weed whack the Rivershore Trail. **Jean is communicating with the Church representatives.**
- Johnnie Brook Trail. This is part of the Cross VT Trail Network. Greg Weston with Cross VT has offered to shape and ditch and spread gravel south of the bridge for \$100 in fuel expenses. This work will occur soon. He also recruited SB High School students to reinforce the decking, improve the railings and add a bench to the bridge. This project is in progress. Recently Lars Whitman also spread donated gravel along the trail in exchange for fuel expenses. **Willie will make a plaque to commemorate the students' work. Martha will write them a thank you note.**
- Long range plans
- VYCC- Jean spoke with Daniel Schmidt at VYCC who is interested in partnering on trails with our committee. They may consider allowing bikes on their trails in the future. **Jim will invite him to a future meeting.**

An idea was presented to ask local establishments if they want to sponsor trails or donate a product to those volunteering for trail work.

Quote of the Night: "All Trails Lead to Stone Corral"