

Trails Committee Notes

3/15/22

7pm-8pm

Present: Willie Lee, Jean Bressor, Tyler Merritt, Alison Aiken, Jim Monahan, Hannah Harrington, Jack Linn, Lauck Parke, Mike Donohue, Ben Feinson, Maya Buckingham, Kathy Mulligan, Chase Rosenberg, Jed Rankin, Kathy Mulligan

Minutes from February meeting, motion to approve, seconded, approved

Jack Linn – asking for trail committee to take an active role in fighting land-based invasive plants, asking for one member from the trails committee to steward fighting invasive. How do we approach these invasive? Different methods for different species. Trail walk with Jack to look at invasive species.

Ben Feinson – Richmond Trail Running Club – volunteer connection potential. Looking to host second charity race as a club, designed a 42 mile ultra-marathon course that goes through 6 major trail networks. Proposal going to the select board, discussion happening with other Richmond community members, capping at 50-60 runners. RMT is helping connect to land owners. Saturday July 9th with a rain date of July 16th.

Andrews community forest trail design – discussion on whether to support the original trail design or amended plan. Desiring unanimous committee (original plan was passes 6 to 2). Many comments wanting the original plan. Shows support for process to the select board. Motion made to support the statement that shows support for the trail plan (original or amended version), seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Spring trail cleaning – Willie went to RMT meeting last night to coordinate trail nights. Lil sip extension should be on the radar, Jericho road trail status? Lower section needs some work done (could be a Thursday night trail work), erosion on merritt parkway (orchard to IPT intersection) needs to be reworked, RMT might have part time summer maintenance position, sign painting will happen in the springtime, sign upkeep, go around and give a fresh poly coat. Joint trail day with Jericho for Mobbs connection.

Spring Trail Clean up - Closing trails next week until things dry out. Need a new trail committee rep to be nominated for April/May for Andrews. Chase volunteering for position.

Any other thoughts on potential teamwork with Jericho? Far side of snipe Ireland. Connections to UVM research forest? They need a commitment from someone to manage it/that it wouldn't interfere with current activity.

Next meeting is April 26th – aim to meet in person.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.