

**Andrews Community Forest Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14, 2025 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Richmond Town Center**

Zoom video recording

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Related files

*b1 Section B5 (Pages 25-30) in Draft Management Plan "MP2_Draft_For_23-June-2025-2.pdf" same as in June 23rd packet:

https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Andrews_Community_Forest/Meetings/2025/06/e1_MP2_Draft_For_23-June-2025-2.pdf

*b2 Section A2.6 (Page 16) same as in June 23 rd packet:

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Andrews Forest Committee

Present: Sam Pratt, Dan Wolfson, Ian Stokes, Brad Elliot, Julian Portilla, Jim Cochran, Wright Preston

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Review of minutes June 23rd : line 66 is incomplete.

add, devoted to continuing review of the MP2 draft

Unanimous approval

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General updates:

- Brush hogging on Urbanik to clear the overgrown intersection. Brush hogger is unknown
- Brad worked on clearing the kiosk
- Jim Cochran has installed the sign in sheet at the kiosk
- The RFP for plan writer has been submitted to town authorities
- Discussion with Virginia Clarke: if there are trails built on public land, town would need to include permits. After Town Plan, Town will likely develop a zoning ordinance with more formal trail development plan that defines trails and what kinds of regulations are necessary for building. Likely not until mid or late 2026

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Discussion of recreation section of the MP

- Maintain focus on content rather than format.
 - Discussion of 3rd objective: committee doesn't have jurisdiction beyond forest boundaries. Suggestion is to change "protect" to "be mindful of". Committee agrees.
- Discussion of gradients on objective that starts with "protect soils". Discussion around whether to include 20% or not. Line 52 specifies trails. Trails are likely to be discussed in recreation section.
 - Suggestion is to end the sentence at "soil disturbances". Committee agrees.
 - "Monitor trails and logging roads for damage and erosion." Eliminate.

Further notes on changes to the MP were taken by Sam Pratt

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Next meeting July 28th.

- Electing a chair or co-chair for the committee should be the first order of business.
- Adjourn at 847.