

Andrews Community Forest Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, September 26, 2022, 5:30 pm - 6 pm

Present: Jesse Crary (chair), Daniel Schmidt, Melissa Wolaver, Jim Monahan Zoom: Celia Danks, Chase Rosenberg

Public: Robert Lajoie, Zoom: Paul Hauf, Ian Stokes, Marcy Harding Tyler Merritt, Nancy Zimny

A: Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum, and Appointment of minute taker

MW: minute taker

B: Additions or Deletions to Agenda

* Update on Conservation Committee funding for fine scale trail review by Arrowood

C: Review and accept minutes: July 6 and August 29 Meetings

Motion to accept minutes, then Nancy Zimny noted August meeting minutes were dated 9/29 and need to be changed to 8/29. She also stated that she sent Nick an email requesting he revise minutes to correct inaccuracies reflected in her remarks from that meeting. She doesn't see her requested revisions in most recent minutes. She will email Jesse with her revised comments.

Modify motion subject to revisions regarding Nancy Zimney's remarks. Passed; none opposed.

D: Status Report on Efforts to Engage Facilitator to Assist with Public Engagement Process:

The town manager, Josh Arneson, confirmed that the inquiries and estimates received from several facilitators was sufficient to satisfy the bid requirement. The contract with the selected facilitator, Melissa Levy of Community Roots, will go forward. We will meet with her after the full committee has had a chance to review the revised management plan - possibly in November. The contract with Melissa Levy includes hours for her to independently synthesize results from the facilitated meeting.

E: Status report on Town of Richmond and VLT interpretation of ACF Management Plan Language Requiring Full Plan Revision for Departures from Concept Map:

Jesse spoke with the town manager and the town attorney. Both confirmed that proceeding with just one trail in the NE quadrant would trigger a revision of the management plan because the easternmost trail is too varied from the concept map. A member of the public had proposed keeping just the easternmost trail; thus avoiding a management plan revision.

F: Status report on Revised Management Plan:

Subcommittee will meet tonight. Final points then circulated to full committee. A special meeting may be called to review revised management plan. Information on any special meeting and the revised management plan will also be released to the public.

G: Update on funding on paying for additional Arrowood work.

Kaitlin and Jim revised proposal and presented to Conservation Commission. After discussion, the request passed 4 to 1 for funding for the fine scale review. Arrowood recently completed the fine scale review, and we should have a report in a couple of weeks. At this meeting, there was a discussion about a potential winter review, and we will revisit this topic at a future meeting.

H: Public comment:

Paul Hauf: Next meeting is scheduled for Halloween. May need to be moved.

Nancy: Fine scale review: Does that mean all trails or just east climb. Jim: For all trails that Arrowood and Sinuosity laid out. Nancy: that does include trails close to power lines? Jim: yes, but not trail that was dropped after public discussions. Review included 50 foot on either side of trail. Jesse: Does not include lower existing trails.