

April 17 2018 Minutes

Richmond Conservation Commission

Attending: Jack Linn, Jim Cochran, Kristin Nelson, Judy Rosovsky, Guy Roberts; Bob Low; Ibit Wright; Mary Houle

Members of public: Hannah Phillips (chair, Town Forest Steering Committee); was Fritz Martin in attendance?

Town Forest Update

- An interim management plan has been submitted
- The town forest is now owned by the town of Richmond
- The SE Group has agreed to expand their scope to develop a full management plan
- Current authority to Town Forest Steering Committee (TFSC) from Selectboard (SB) to Richmond Conservation Commission. With SB approval the RCC appoints members and chair of the TFSC. Hannah Phillips was nominated and approved as TFSC chair by the RCC.
- The TFSC is not an autonomous committee.

Town Plan Update

Drafts and introduction available on town website. Major role is to define and update zoning. Current sections include Natural Resources, Current Land Use and Energy. Then Housing and Future Land Use. Tight schedule – 1st public hearing May 2. Open sessions with SB next. Vote in November. ? do not currently exist – RPC is providing them. Acts involved include Act 171 (energy) and Act 174 (habitat forest blocks). The town will respond to these two Acts.

Town plan must be written to a standard that can hold up in court and will accurately reflect the will of the town with respect to development/zoning.

Green Up Day – May 5th

Post on FPF to involve members of the community. Behind the scenes coordinator. Pete Gosselin, road mileage; Linda Parent – road spreadsheet. Nick Floersh has map.

Richmond Coalition

The RCC officially appointed Kristin Nelson as our liaison to the Coalition. The Coalition has members from diverse groups concerning conservation and recreation partners. Consistent signage.

Willis Hill Stewardship Meeting Update

Parking area plan are proceeding.

VYCC will guide trail building.

The Reap project will not affect the stream that runs along the Willis property.