

## Trails Committee Notes

2/15/22

7pm-8pm

**Present:** Willie Lee, Jean Bressor, Kathy Mulligan, Tyler Merritt, Mike Donohue, Alison Aiken, Jim Monahan, Hannah Harrington, Callie Ewald

- Zoom meetings moving forwards
- 14 seats on committee, tricky to fill seats and so letter in to reduce number of seats, hard to get quorum (can we get a quorum with open seats – 50% of seats or members?)
- Callie and Jim **bridge grant work:**
  - o Application for the conservation commission reserve fund to use money to rebuild three bridges identified as poorest rating (from last bridge assessment) that were outside of our level of expertise/ability to repair. Community has given feedback on condition of bridges, justified work from this. Conservation commission application has been filled out, up for comments, assessment is attached with photos. There is a quote for all bridges from VYCC that was used to build budget. Get quotes from people for replacement of three bridges and then use those going forward. Schedule is this summer (one week a bridge from VYCC quote) used to build budget but designed to be flexible. Shared in google doc and link sent out for comments.
    - Interim solution for some of the bridges before work gets done?
  - o Could we get to more than 3 bridges with funds? Anyone have experience with the flexibility of these funds?
  - o Submit this ASAP and then go from there
- **Other additions:**
  - o **Bike Ped Committee**, master plan for south of river looking at rec and transportation alternatives to roads; step that town has to go through to apply for any grants
    - Live wiki map that you can go to for the next two weeks on the town website (will be forwarded to committee) looking for two or three top priorities – *share with others who might want input*
    - Looking at quadrants in the south end, what other towns do we need to connect to (have a connection to Williston) not a lot of other trails that get you anywhere else
    - Discussed priorities: william's hill (connection to Hinesburg and Huntington). Cochran road, village to park and ride, \*others
  - o **Spring/Summer:**
    - Joint committee meeting with Jericho, easement and permission to build trail from saxon to barber farm road to mobbs/gov. peck , snipe Ireland trail improvements,
    - Chittenden County Walk Bike Group Meet-up: Event updating plan including different ways to get county wide feedback, bring groups together for regional conversation, local motion event,

- **Andrews Town Forest:**
  - Trail discussion is coming up at next meeting, circling back to re-discuss the plan that was passed a year ago – visiting it again with further comments from ecologist (a week from Monday is the meeting – the 28<sup>th</sup> of February)
  - Tyler’s tenure is coming up and he will not be renewing, need another person from the trails committee to be on that committee. One can be a designee and one needs to be a committee member.
  - We need to adjust and amend the management plan to adopt and trail plan. Last meeting covered indigenous acknowledgement. This meeting to finalize revised trail plan, followed by edits to management plan – bring to select board and if approved it will be good to go. Following phase will be trail building (designers will do heavy trail work and lead volunteer efforts – lots of opportunities to be involved in trail building). Andrews is going to request formal feedback from trails committee and conservation commission (during public comment but we will need to prepare a statement).
  - Ecologist has answered questions from concerned citizens which will be provided prior to the meeting, people will know what will be discussed.
- **William’s hill;** lawsuit against the town (or pending litigation? – challenging that it is a class 4 road); talked about going to the select board to ask about class 4 road guidance; people can travel through there? No official trail there at this point
  - Course of action: can we go back for approval to maintain it and clean up a pedestrian pass-through?
    - Willie will ask Josh who the trails committee liaison and what would be the best way to ask permission to get the authority to clear a pedestrian right of way through the class 4 road.
    - Additionally; how do we approach all class 4 roads going forward?