

**Minutes of Richmond Trails Committee Meeting  
December 15th, 2015, at 7pm at the Town Center**

Committee Members Present: John Hamerslough, Jean Bressor, Callie Ewald, Ian Stokes.

Not Present: Martha Marciel, Tyler Merritt, Steve Bower, Veronique Beittel, Jim Monahan.

Copy to: Geoffrey Urbanik (Town Manager), Carol Mader (Town Offices).

Call to order 7:05pm

Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment: None

Minutes of October 2015 meeting.

Approved.

Old Business:

- Recording/archiving of agreements and maps - skipped due to Steve's absence.
- Weed Whackers – Ian has 4 or 5 weed whackers working ready for spring time.
- Hidden Pines Circle donation – Ian will write to those folks about what we have been spending the money on: bridge railing for Johnnie Brook, weed whacker parts, and signs for Merritt Parkway.
- Fiddlehead letter – collect addressees of retailers, restaurants, media, landowners: Judy Rosovsky sent draft letter for comments, and we had agreed to collect business and landowners addresses for her. We have a list of rivershore landowners that we can provide, we can also collect local retailers and restaurants. Callie will write to Nick de Tarnowsky at the Western Slopes Business Association and connect Judy with him to facilitate access to the addresses.
- Town Plan – First public meeting involving recreation is Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, second involving transportation is Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Ian included the rest of the dates in an email. It was agreed that we should have someone representing the Trails committee there. Ian will send out the Vision statement when he receives it.
- Committee chairperson – Ian wants to hand over chairperson responsibility and his Committee membership expires in March. Jean has suggested having co-chairs and this has been tabled until next meeting. An idea of switching off chair every year was also suggested. Ian will send follow-up email for emphasis. There is also a vacancy on the committee.

Trail Reports

- Preston Preserve:  
It was decided that trail signs at the top of the Preston Loop (dog intersection) would be moved to direct people to stay on the agreed loop trail with yellow markers, avoiding some confusion with a trail that leads upwards on the Blueberry Hill.  
Possible new trails and signage – New signs for the Merritt Parkway have been made and are at Tyler's house. Jean suggested putting mileage on the signs in the future. Committee members have talked to Berne Broudy about the trail signs and potential future trails. She requested to be able to walk any future trails with the committee before building commences, Committee agreed.  
Map/brochure for this trail system – John is going to look into a map/brochure holder for the future. This is a good project for after the holidays.
- Rivershore:  
Communication with new landowner – A letter was sent from Ian and Fritz Martin to acknowledge their informal agreement and offering them to make it more formal if needed. They seem to be comfortable with the way things are now. John has worked with them to relocate a short section of trail on their property that had eroded into the river near the Wheeler lane entrance to the trail.  
Bridge inspections – John and Callie reported that visual inspection resulted in the bridges looking ok. It was acknowledged that work is needed on the trail near Cochran's. This will be looked at in the spring and a work party arranged.

- Johnnie Brook Road Trail:  
Drainage etc. on southern section, Bridge railing. – A group mobilized to do some ditching this last weekend. Also, a railing was put up so that both sides of the southern bridge now have safety railing. The trail south of the bridge is still very muddy.
- Volunteers' Green – in good shape.
- Old Jericho Road – no report.
- Safford Preserve – in good shape – John did some work on pruning trees close to Cochran Rd.

Other (New) Business:

The Annual Report has been agreed by the Committee and will send in after this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:10 pm

Note: Next meeting Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016