

Richmond Trails Committee

July 18, 2017

Present: Callie Ewald, Ed Wells, Willie Lee, Ian Stokes, Betsy Martin (potential committee member) and Jean Bressor

-Andrews Forest Land - the purchase of the property is moving forward. The RTC discussed input to the Selectboard regarding the management of the forest. Jean will send around a potential statement for the committee to put forth to the Selectboard.

-Sip of Sunshine - we discussed putting in a separate walking trail on the flatter part of the property. The July 11th work party went well - need to schedule another work party - in conjunction with the Richmond Mountain Trails? Do we need to formalize an agreement with Dave about the use of this property (in the event he was to sell the property)?

-Lars Whitman contacted the committee about signage where bike trails come onto roads. We discussed this at length and decided to have Willie post a warning to bikers about the increased traffic that will be created with the detour.

-Folks have been cleaning up trees and weed whacking the Rivershore Trail - looks great and is easier to navigate.

-The new map is being distributed around the village. Ian will get 500 Preston Preserve maps made up for the trailhead.

-Ian has reported that Johnnie Brook Trail is in great shape thanks in large part to work by Greg Western of the Cross VT Trails Association, and the Americorps crew that he brought to do ditching work and spreading of gravel.

-Ed proposed that we discuss the future of trail development in Preston (how that gets decided) and current use of this Preserve and its potential impact on wildlife through day and night use.

-We spent the rest of our time discussing the opening and closing of trails. We want to discuss this matter when most of the committee members are present as it is an important topic to deliberate. One option put forth is a sign that says - "If it has rained in the last 24 hours consider the trail closed." This is an on-going discussion.

Respectfully submitted-

Jean Bressor