Andrews Community Forest Committee

Regular Meeting

Agenda

September 27, 2021

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Richmond Town Center Meeting Room, 3rd Floor – 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT

A: Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (1 minute)

B: Review of Proper Notice (1 minute) *Completed*

C: Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum and Appointment of minute taker (2 minutes) *Completed*

*Committee Members Present Jim M, Tyler M, Ellen M, Amy P, Jesse C., Nick N, Caitlin L,*

*Public: Jon K, Bob Low, Judy R, Daniel Wolfson, Jeanette Malone, Pete Halvorson.*

D: Review and accept minutes of August 24, 2021 Meeting (1 minute)

*Accept notes from 8/24 - Motion made and motion passes.*

E: Public Comment (10 minutes)

1. *Public Comment*
   1. *Pete Halverson - question about J(iii)- tree stand clarification - letting committee know about tree strand structure. 3 Kinds of tree stands. Want to make sure we address the correct tree strand.*
      1. *Permanent*
      2. *Semi permanent - ladder stand- can be moved*
      3. *Temporary - climber*
   2. *Pete H asked about who resigned.*
      1. *RCC will bring someone forward.*
      2. *RCC is open to putting someone forward.*
   3. *Judy R asked for nominees. An at large person could fill the role.*
      1. *Forward any names to Judy R. if you know anyone interested.*

F: Discuss Next Steps in Trail Design Approval Process (5 minutes)

1. *VLT - We take the first stab at the revision and then they will take a look at it.*
2. *Establish a subcommittee to look at the Revision (2 phases)*
   1. *Jim M., Nick N., Ellen*
   2. *Phase I - How to improve how the dreads. Structure of the actual document like a blueprint/ new outline and headings. More logical flow.*
      1. *Complete Phase I comments to Nick, Ellen, & Jim by 10/4*
      2. *Circulate to all committee members by 10/20 to be viewed for upcoming Oct. meeting.*
   3. *Phase II - how to remove Concept map and insert trail design*
3. *Can RMT be in charge of the network when the trails are ready to be built. What level of build will we need?*
4. *Possibly having Sinuosity work with the volunteers.*
5. *Need to be careful that we do not lose the flagging corridor this winter.*

*Cecilia wants more time for public input. Involve different user groups and get consensus.*

*Jon K - the more you can bring people along the better. The fastest way is the slowest way. We can apply for Conservation Money (need to add 2 months).*

*Discussion around opening up the discussion on how the public has opportunity to view the revised management plan and trail plan.*

1. *Post revision and get written feedback.*
2. *How do we include community feedback*

G: Consider ACF Management Plan Amendments for Recommendation to Vermont Land Trust and Selectboard (60 minutes)

H. Invasive Plant Removal Update (5 Minutes)

*Jon K - Middle school kids will be working to help with removal. He suggested getting a checking account for $1,000 so we can buy flagging tape, gloves, etc…*

*Jim M will follow up with Josh A about setting up an account at Richmond Hardware store.*

I. Status of Conservation Committee Recommendation for New ACF Committee Member (5 Minutes) - *Judy R had mentioned in public comment about forwarding her names if anyone new anyone interested. They would be open to putting a name forward that was not on the Conservation committee.*

J: Other and old business follow-up (10 Minutes)

1. Consideration of Request by Wright Preston for $337.61 for Reimbursement of Costs Related to Gate Installation, boundary line paint and steel stakes
   1. *Motion to reimburse Wright - Motion made and passed unanimously.*
2. Trail Naming and Interpretive Signage - *This will be discussed in Oct. meeting.*
3. Process for Notifications of Non-Permanent Tree Stands for Hunting Season.
   1. *How do we want to respond to emails asking for permission?*

*Nick will email back with information regarding the tagging stand, taking it down by a certain date.*

*Motion to adjourn 9:06*