

## Andrews Community Forest

Monday, September 28, 2020 – 7pm – minutes

**Present:** Cecilia Danks, Ellen Kraft, Caitlin Littlefield, Tyler Merritt, Jim Monahan, Nick Neverisky, Amy Powers, Wright Preston (chair)

**Public:** Brad Elliott

**Appointed minute taker:** CL

**Amendments to the agenda:** none

**Public comment:** none

### **Minutes approval**

CD moves to approve August 31, 2020 minutes. AP seconds. (8/0/0)

### **Memo re: logging revenue remaining in ACF**

WP, ET, EK drafted memo to Selectboard that logging funds ought to go remain with ACF.

Will try to get on Selectboard agenda next Monday.

### **Joint RFP for trail design**

Language re: Trail Concept

- Suggesting that it's launching point. SE had not ground-truthed it. But don't want language to be so generalized that bidders think they ought to start from scratch.

Bidders

- List of trail designers and ecologists and conveying to each list the names of others. NN suggests simple google form for low-management way for ecologists and trail designers to share contact info. Also send to both lists including names.
- BE suggests sending to list of VT Association of Conservation Commission

Parties to have sign-off?

- Inclusion of Conservation Commission in design sign-off? We don't need to get their sign-off, but the fact that we may seek Conservation Reserve Funds behooves us to keep them appraised.
- VLT and VHCB co-hold the easement, but VLT largely manages it. Incl. VLT but not VHCB in terms of sign-off
- Do we need Josh to review? JM confirms no, we do not need Josh to review RFP, only award of bid, er email correspondence with Josh.

Language re: scope for ecologist

- Revised language to add in identifying and filling highest priority gaps

JM makes motion to accept the joint RFP. TM seconds. (8/0/0)

Start sending now? Yes, but add link to spreadsheet for ecologist/ trail designer contacts first.

### **Logging update**

- Signage throughout, thanks to EK, AP, ET
- Logger got equipment up last week.
- Hemlock pulled earlier and milled up for trails
- If we're getting a portable saw-mill up there, let's do community-supportive project (e.g., benches, firewood)
- Wildlife talk with Andrea Shortsleeve from F&W went well. EAB talk tmrw
- ET brought drone for footage of harvest

### **Trail names**

- One named in honor of GU.
- Andrews daughters?
- Native American names (CD). Jess Robinson is state archaeologist who lives in town (BE). May want to engage with communities prior to appropriating a term/word.
- EK suggests get local kids get to name trails. CD says CHMS very interested in engaging with ACF.

### **ACF Facebook page**

- ET has editing access, as does Brad Elliot. May need to transfer admin privileges from Geoff.
- NN is interested in increasing viewership; ET will connect with NN.

### **UVM Service Learning**

- CD teaching community-based conservation. Remote/mixed class.
- Small invasives removal project? Could create ACF website, largely as repository so that we don't have to go thru Josh
- Students may sit in on one our meetings (to support service learning)

### **Maplewind Farm License Review**

No update – it's in Josh's court. Bruce Hennissey's attorney David Sunshine wants him to use a lease agreement; we want license agreement – hence impasse.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:30**