

DRAFT ACF Committee Minutes 1-28-19

Called to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance: Hannah Phillips, Geoff Urbanik, Ethan Tapper, Wright Preston, Rob Peterson, Marcy Harding, Ellen Kraft, Guy Roberts, Jim Monahan, Cecilia Danks, Jessica Draper, Angus Cummings

The committee went around the room doing introductions for the inaugural meeting.

Guy Roberts provided an overview of the committee bylaws.

Cecilia Danks gave an overview of the management plan creation process.

Hannah Phillips recommended that committee members review the “hot button” issues included in the appendix.

The committee discussed the plans and funding methods for trail development in the forest.

Wright Preston mentioned that the committee will need to apply to the DRB for a change of use for the parcel.

Hannah Phillips listed immediate priorities for the committee as: determining roles, budget and policy, the forest management plan, following up with the kiosk and UVM students, the trails, and the two websites. She also listed priority stewardship tasks as meeting with Vermont Land Trust, discussing the parking, discussing a bike rack, cleaning up the old camp site, boundary marking, and signage.

Ellen Kraft gave an update about the field naturalist and master naturalist programs.

Hannah Phillips suggested that a member of the committee participate in the RiseVt community meetings.

Angus Cummings presented his proposed thesis project to the committee, which would be a story-telling, history, and forest management project. Committee members offered up contacts and ideas for him to pursue and agreed that the project sounded great.

Wright Preston was nominated as Vice Chair by Geoff Urbanik. Seconded by Rob Peterson. All were in favor. So moved.

Cecilia nominated Geoff Urbanik as Chair. Seconded by Wright Preston. All were in favor. So moved.

The committee agreed to nominate a secretary by voice vote at the next meeting. Jessica Draper suggested amendments to the bylaws, and Guy Roberts agreed to follow up with those.

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The committee also agreed to continue to hold their monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm in the Town Center meeting room. Jessica Draper explained that agendas and minutes should be submitted to her for posting.

The committee discussed residency requirements for the committee and decided not to change the requirements. They also agreed that the town would take over ownership of the town forest google account. Hannah Phillips said she would finalize the draft of the management plan, and would hand over her materials after completion.

The committee agreed that before the next meeting everyone would read the management plan (first 30ish pages of the pdf) and have the chair approval done by the selectboard.

Jim Monahan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Wright Preston. All were in favor. Adjourned 9:01pm.