

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)

I. Public Comment

A. Pete Halvorson - 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

B. Pete H asked about who resigned.

- 1. RCC will bring someone forward.*
- 2. RCC is open to putting someone forward.*

C. 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)

a) Jim M., Nick N., Ellen

b) Phase I - How to improve how the dreads. Structure of the actual document like a blueprint/ new outline and headings. More logical flow.

i) Complete Phase I comments to Nick, Ellen, & Jim by 10/4

ii) Circulate to all committee members by 10/20 to be viewed for upcoming Oct. meeting.

c) 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.

Commented [1]: Jim M will follow up with Josh A about setting up an account at Richmond Hardware store. @jmjmonahan@gmail.com
Assigned to Jim Monahan

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)

- i. Consideration of Request by Wright Preston for \$337.61 for Reimbursement of Costs Related to Gate Installation, boundary line paint and steel stakes
 - a. *Motion to reimburse Wright - Motion made and passed unanimously.*
- ii. Trail Naming and Interpretive Signage - *This will be discussed in Oct. meeting.*
- iii. Process for Notifications of Non-Permanent Tree Stands for Hunting Season.
 - a. *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