

Hi Josh,

Thanks for prompting me to address this. This is the revised copy of the application that we received. I believe that Trails might submit a clearer copy as some of the information on the chart is confusing.

The RCC decided to split the request into two parts; one request for an engineering scope of work assessment at Old Jericho Road, and another for the work on the Rivershore/Beeken trails.

The motions are as follows:

1. Old Jericho Road Engineering and Materials:

The Richmond Conservation Commission recommends that the Selectboard approve the request from the Richmond Trails Committee for the use of up to \$5,000 from the Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF). This money will be used for an engineering assessment and scoping of the Old Jericho Road damage. Any remaining money will be used for materials to effect repairs on that trail. This request meets the CRF criteria A4 – enhancing access to natural resources and recreation areas; B1 – Preserving stream quality; B7 – protects no to low cost recreational activities and B9 – protects forest resources by means of a sustainable management plan. These funds must be expended within 3 years of their final approval, or approximately October 16, 2026.

2. Beeken/Rivershore Bridge and Trail Work and Use of Remaining 2022 Funding Request Monies

The Richmond Conservation Commission recommends that the Selectboard approve a request from the Richmond Trails Committee for the use of \$4000 from the Conservation Reserve Fund to purchase bridge building materials and to allow the use of the \$1684\* remaining from the 2022 RCT bridge repair project to be used for bridge building and repair too. This meets with the following CRF criteria:

**II, A. General Criteria:**

*T Will yield a clear, sustainable benefit to Richmond residents in the form of improving recreation*

*T Will protect, enhance and provide public access to a natural resource or recreation area*

**II, B. Natural Resources Protection Criteria:**

*T Preserves stream quality*

*T Supports low or no cost outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking, skiing, swimming, canoeing*

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\*Please note that most RCC recommendations include a 3 year sunset date, in which case it would be appropriate for the RCT to use the remaining funds from their previous project as long as they did so prior to September 2025.

Josh, the RCC approved a request for \$150 for frog crossing signs and related materials but I will send you that in a separate email.

Thanks!

Judy Rosovsky