

Richmond Trails Committee Notes 1/17/23

Attendees: Jean B, Willie L, Tyler M, Jim M, Jed R, Halle H, Alison A.

Public: Lauke Parke, Ellen Kraft, Janet Morris

Agenda Items and Discussion

- 1) Trail Updates:
 - a) Many trees down on Cochran's trails up high. Also tree damage on Visceral and Lung Ta. This will need to be assessed in the spring.
 - b) J. Brook trail has a new Beaver Dam that could cause some serious flooding in the spring. We will reach out to Greg Western to make him aware of the situation. We are going to ask Callie to reach out to him.
 - c) The Old Jericho Rd will also need some work as there is a lot of water erosion. Jean mentioned that Todd Liberty did some work in previous years. Willie mentioned that maybe the trail committee rents a mini excavator and tries to do the work. He is going to look into it to see if this is possible and also ask the Town what role they play in this designated trail/4th class road to keep it maintained.
 - d) Tyler mentioned that the Preston Forest sign at the start of the trail by his house needs to be replaced.
- 2) ACF Update - Jim M relayed an update that things are moving slowly. The committee is planning another public engagement meeting at the end of March so the public can see the revised management plan. After that meeting, the committee will incorporate feedback and make a presentation to the selectboard.
- 3) New Chair- Willie Lee will not be renewing his position on the trails committee, but will stay involved. Discussion was around who would be the next chair. Jed R. said he might be interested, but would need to check work commitments prior to taking the position.
- 4) Annual Report - Callie completed this and sent it to Linda Parent for the Town report.
- 5) Bridges on Rivershore- We completed 3 bridges this past summer and have 2 more to complete this spring/summer. We also need to remove some of the old bridging by Cochran's.
 - a) We still have money in the grant to complete the two bridges.