

## Trail Committee Meeting minutes 6/20/2023

A work party preceded the meeting as some members and volunteers from the community helped to move lumber for the replacement of 3 bridges on the Rivershore Trail.

Present at official meeting at Town Center

Alison Aiken

Hannah Harrington

Halle Harklau

Alex McAleer

Jim Monahan

Mike Donohue

Callie Ewald

Chase Rosenberg

Also present : Paul Hauf, Gary Bressor, Steven Brownlee in person and John Mariano and Diane Cohn via Zoom

### Agenda Items and Discussion

1. Chase Rosenberg reviewed opportunity to recommend a non member of the trails committee to the ACFC. Paul Hauf introduced himself to those that didn't know him and presented why he wanted to be on the committee. Mike nominated Paul, Hannah seconded the nomination and all members approved. Paul needs to write a letter to the Selectboard expressing his desire to be on the committee.
2. Steve Brownlee from Umiak Outfitters presented a proposal to donate a ladder bridge to the Trails Committee for use when exiting the Winooski River along the Rivershore trail at an access point near Overocker's Park. The ladder is a similar structure to those used along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Umiak will provide all installation and maintenance. They routinely watch river levels and remove and reinstall based on these numbers. It could be in place from June through September during the bulk of the river season. All members voted to accept donation. Alison and Hannah will relay this information to Josh.
3. Trail Work updates: Need to install a stop sign on the new trail coming down from Cochran's by Overocker's. Concerns about Giant Hogweed and poison parsnip along Johnnie Brook and Rivershore trail. Alison will connect with Greg at Cross VT to discuss plan for mowing/trimming. Also to connect with Richmond Mountain Trails about a social media post explaining risks and how to identify plants. Jim reported on SOS Carol would like a bypass trail on the steep section. He will flag and work on it. Chase would like to revisit Snipe Ireland trail and reach out to Jericho Trails Committee. John and Diane from the Parking Advisory Committee proposed collaborating on increased use of parking area at Overocker's and the new land trust parking on the grass near the canoe access. Proposed a sign with mileage to certain beach areas, a picnic table. Do we want to make the trail to the beach an official trail. Halle suggested the conservation commission might be of some assistance. A kiosk would help make the location more of a destination.

Hannah proposed she and Alison would meet up with John and Diane on site to determine the next steps.

4. Gary Bressor presented a proposal for non road access connecting the village to the Park and Ride and potentially to Gov. Peck Rd and the mobile home park.
5. Discussed a “rogue” trail off Thompson Rd. That connects to the Preston Loop/Feel the Berne. Callie will talk to Meg Andrews about her concerns. Mike and other committee members offered to brush in the upper portion where it connects to the Richmond Trails.
6. Jim will plan to begin building some of the bridges we moved lumber for today and will reach out for helpers.