

Richmond Trails Committee 7-17-23

Present: Mike, Chase, Alison, Alex, Halle, Tyler, and Jean

on Zoom - Greg Western (Cross VT Trail), Ian Stokes (Johnnie Brook Trail user) and Lisa Miller (Selectboard member)

Agenda

Trails update (flood/storm damage) -

Inventory of trails:

- Rivershore Trail - last third of trail has to be rerouted
new bridge by Overackers has to be moved back into place
- Preston Preserve - drainage needs work
- Volunteer Green - will have to wait until park is open
- Johnnie Brook Trail - will need some gravel shoveled back in place
on Huntington Rd side. Alison moved some logs, Alison will shovel
silt/mud

Greg Western - first thing is to clean the culvert, then the approach ramp on the bridge needs cleaning, put stones back next to ramp/boardwalk, rake out the elbow of the dogleg - in the future add more gravel there or put in a wooden platform. Bridge to Johnny Brook Rd is fine - needs a little gravel and will need the side ditches on the hill and swale at the top of the hill to be shoveled back out - cover the cloth. Greg asked if the committee/town pay for gravel? He could assist with getting gravel on the trail. Greg has a sign that says 'Caution - storm damage ahead.'

Work parties: Tuesday July 25th - 5:00pm - Johnnie Brook and other trails as they are able to be assessed

Rivershore Bridge update - Jim, Willie and Mike built one

AFCF appointment follow up/Selectboard liaison -

Lisa Miller said there needs to be a line of communication for committees.

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The Trails Committee shared concerns of the treatment of our committee recommendation at the Selectboard meeting.

ACF is conserved public land and not a preserve.

VLT fully backs the trail.

Paul's recommendation came from his involvement and participation in the committee to date.

Chase recommends all of the Selectboard members watch the Management Plan video on the website.

Ian Stokes shared that he is on the ACF.

The Trails Committee is concerned that the Selectboard chair wants to change the ACF committee appointment process so that the Trails Committee can no longer recommend members.

'No action taken' on Paul's recommendation was in the Selectboard minutes.

What is the process for a volunteer to go before the Selectboard for a volunteer position?

Stop signs along the trail and Cochran Road intersections

Josh emailed about public concern regarding no Stop Signs on the trail.

Can Willie make stop signs for the trail? Tyler will ask Willie.

Follow up on Rogue Trail off Thompson Rd

Can Willie make a 'Not a Trail' sign to let folks know that new trails can't be added to the Preston Preserve

Follow up on the meeting with Parking Committee re Overrockers

Picnic table and kiosk at Overrockers - to make it more a destination site

Umiak steps? Did they go downstream in the flooding?