

Richmond Trails Comm
10-17-23

Present: Alex McAleer, Mike Donohue, Chase Rosenberg, Jim Monahan, Hannah Harrington, Alison Aiken, Jed Rankin (online/in-person) and Jean Bressor

Lisa Miller - online

Agenda:

- approve minutes from prior meeting - minutes were approved

- discuss firms to approach for Old Jericho Road workscope quotes - Green Mountain could help support the process for selecting the firm to get quotes for the work.
Hannah spoke to Josh about adding Jericho Road to the FEMA application.

- finalize budget needs for remainder of rivershore trail rehab
 - Hannah has pictures with geo-tags for remaining work
 - Received permission from Selectboard to use Conservation Commission grant \$
 - need to move large bridge back with people power - Sunday October 29th at 9:00am - meet at Cochran's lower lot
 - wood - one more bridge had wood. We need purchase the wood for the Kemp bridge - Jim will check in with Koeing's Cedar

- discuss FEMA and vorec funding potential
 - VOREC grant - met with the Rec Parking Comm about a kiosk that designates where to park and what to access. Signage for the parking lot. Expand the parking lot to include potential picnicking options. Expand to include more accessible trail access. Voted to have Hannah reach out to RMC about the VOREC grant.
 - Jim has a stop sign for traffic coming off the trail.

- Evac signs - have evacuation signs that delineated where to evacuate. More accurate maps that delineate and potentially put up signs so users know where they are in relation to getting rescued.

- RMT email - They want to support the Trails Comm mission by adding workers and resources. Trails Comm members discussed how to collaborate with RMT on Richmond trails.

Want to check in with Josh about collaborating with RMT on trails.

- Transportation Comm - Meeting on Tuesday Oct 24th 5:30 -7:30. Will send out a reminder. Hannah will draft a letter of support to the Transportation Comm

- Andrews - RMT interested in doing the maintenance of the ACF. Stewardship plan to go with the Management Plan - either an addendum or separate document.

-Bradford Elliot submitted an application to join the ACFC. Discussed Brad's previous engagement with the ACFC. It was reported that he tended to try to obstruct the process and cause delay. His behavior was antagonistic to the ACFC. He had been uncompromising. Some concern was raised regarding his tactics of fear mongering, exaggerations, and mis-truths. Those who had worked with him previously noted he was not a great fit for a Trails Committee recommendee as he has been a vocal opponent of trails in the town forest. No member supported Brad for the at large position or the RTC recommended position on the ACFC.

- GPX file for Sip/Lil Sip JoEllen Stivala - Easement Monitoring Specialist. Jim sent the files to her. Chase will help Jim get the file to send to her.