

Richmond Trails Committee
11-21-23

Present: Chase Rosenberg, Tyler Merritt, Callie Ewald, Alison Aiken, Halle Harklau and Jean Bressor

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths.

Community Members; Wright Preston And Brad Elliott

Agenda:

Minutes from the October 2023 meeting - approve the minutes - Alison motion - Chase seconded

-Alison clarified that with the new configuration all applicants to the ACF would be funneled through Conservation Comm and Trails Comm. Would we support them for the Trails Comm rep and or the open seat? Both Wright Preston and Brad Elliot are present at the meeting.

We discussed and determined that the RCC is supporting Brad Elliot as their recommended rep and he noted that he didn't apply to the ACFC with the intention of representing the Trails Committee

Wright Preston - Andrews Community Forest rep early on. He knows the Andrews family. He believes that VELCO has a 75 easement in the forest and they have access through the forest. Wright wants to see their impact softened so it isn't an industrial landscape. He wants the power company to be more accountable to what they leave behind with their work. He supported the trail up to Sip of Sunshine. He doesn't want to go wild on an upper trail, but he is willing to talk about linkages. Wants to have a marshaling role in working with Town Road Crew, Power Co - he is a bureaucrat and enjoys it. He noted that he would be happy to be the recommended representative from the RTC but it might not be the best fit.

Wright cleared the trail on the Snipe Ireland Trail. Would be willing to have proper water bars reinstated on the Snipe Ireland Trail - both towns involved.

-Discussion/Re-consideration of Brad Elliot's application for the ACFC - No member had any new information to share as this was discussed at the previous RTC meeting.

-Consideration of Wright Preston as an applicant for the ACFC
Motion voted on - Would we like Wright Preston to serve as an ACFC recommendee from the RTC?

Voted that we do not want Wright Preston to represent the RTC on ACFC.
6-0

-Motion voted on - Would we like Brad Elliot to serve as an ACFC from the RTC?

Voted that we do not want Brad Elliot to represent the RTC on ACFC.
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-Motion for general Support/No Support for Brad Elliot - we voted No Support.
6-0

-Motion for general Support/No Support for Wright Preston - we voted Support
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-Review the river shore trail progress - three bridges to be done?
boardwalk over perpetual wet spot

-VOREC grant process - Hannah was not present to update on this.. We discussed needs on the Rivershore Trail - wood for two more bridges to be replaced and wood for potential boardwalk on part of the trail that is always wet/muddy.

-Jericho Road Trail - Callie has communicated with Keegan Tierney - Green Mountain Club. Engineers do a hydraulic analysis and then grab

bridge designs off of BLM or Forest Bureau - covers the town's liability and gets a stronger bridge.

Stone Environmental prep work for \$5,000 - develop an RFP.

FEMA - town had logged the damage.

No Dec meeting.

Next meeting January 16th, 2024