

*Richmond Trails Comm
Tuesday January 16th 2024*

*Present: Alison Aiken, Alex McAleer, Hannah Harrington,
Tyler Merritt, Callie Ewald and Jean Bressor
Community members: Bec Wojtecki and Max Kreiger*

Agenda:

- Motion to approve the November 2023 minutes -
unanimous yay*
- Discuss recent flooding damages:*
 - Johnnie Brook trail is fine - sediment on bridge - will wash
away*
 - Preston Loop - mostly fine, some trees down*
 - Jericho Rd trail - no update*
 - Volunteer Green Trail needs re-routing in the beginning*
 - Sip O Sunshine - no update. Check in with Jim.*
 - Rivershore - lots of damage - trees down, more erosion, lots
of sand deposited, bridges damaged and displaced. Needs to
be rerouted in a few places.*

VOREC - Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative

Grant - landowner permission first, then Selectboard input, second round of Selectboard. Look to apply for the grant in a year.

Bec will ask Max for suggestions for flood resiliency work.

Callie had a contact from Green Mountain Club - engineers who could help with planning trail reroutes and sustainable bridges

Begin looking into next steps

-Conservation Commission - grant \$ - Hannah and Callie will follow up with RCC

- Propose work plan for 2024 - Jericho Road and Rivershore Trail

- ACF updates - Joy Reap expressed interest in being the Trails Comm rep

- Grant opportunities and collaboration with RMT' - grant - American Trails - non-profit - put on the radar for 2025. Grants are \$5,000 to \$10,000. RMT' wants to help with trail

maintenance. They have booked Fellowship of the Wheel to do a week and a half of work this summer. Want to offer some of the work to be done on RTC trails - Lung Ta?

Hannah has connected with Josh regarding support from other organizations - grants need Selectboard input, any work that RMT work does on behalf of RTC has to be voted on and approved in a meeting and then recorded in the minutes.

- Working with other town committees - ARPA town committee spoke to Hannah and Alison to do a paved path around Volunteer's Green. Hannah and Alison said it would not be a good investment due to repeated flooding concerns among others.