

*Richmond Trails Committee*

*2/17/26*

*Present: Alison Aiken, Ben Feinson, Hannah Harrington, Mike Donahue, Alex McAleer, Tyler Merritt, and Jean Bressor*

*Public attending: Denise Barnard, Nigel Churchill, Ginny Churchill, Molly Dugan and Greg Western*

*Welcome/Public Comment*

*Consideration of renaming a section of the Rivershore Trail - Denise  
Denise presented information about Francis Churchill.*

*She wants to rename the trail from Cochran Road to Beeken Preserve.  
Tyler mentioned putting a boulder or plaque at the beginning of the  
trail to honor Francis.*

*This would involve Getting the signage and changing the name.*

*Marcia and Tim Waite have volunteered to help with the signage.*

*Justin and Kelly own the land.*

*Denise and Molly discussed holding a work party to include friends  
and family as a way to honor Francis. Trails Committee will help with  
organizing a work party.*

*Committee mentioned that we do not own the land, but can support  
with a letter.*

*Discussion of plan and funding for repair of culvert on Johnnie Brook  
Trail with Greg Western of Cross VT Trail - here are Greg's proposals:*

1.) The agenda item is installing a new culvert on Johnnie Brook Trail near the entrance of Huntington Rd.

Basically, CVTA can do it this spring if the Town Trails Comm can help pay for some of the materials.

Materials needed are:

\* 20 foot long 12 inch diameter culvert = about \$300

\* a truck load of gravel = about \$600

“I can buy materials and get reimbursed by the Town Trails Committee, up to whatever amount you are able. Or the Town might have cheaper sources if it buys directly.” Greg

Motion to spend \$900.00 to spend on culvert and gravel. Mike Donahue made the motion, Hannah seconded it. The committee was in favor of this motion.

2.) I am also interested to finish what we started talking about last year, about how we can share efforts on trail maintenance this summer on Johnnie Brook.

\* Do you want to co promote a spring volunteer day to do brushing and ditch cleaning? Yes

\* Did you have any luck getting folks to sign up to take turns on regular mowing? If yes, then I would like to coordinate with them so we can split up the summer and take turns doing the mowing on a regular schedule.

*Greg and Ben connected around the Friends of Richmond Trails concept. Ben will put out on the spread sheet when specific items need to be addressed.*

*Greg will also have several work days in Spring/Summer or Fall. We can coordinate efforts.*

*3.) And last, I want to keep a bug in your ear about my interest in talking with the Committee, over time, about future larger needs. Especially being proactive about flooding.*

*Greg shared his thoughts on future planning. He wants to plan out in the future ways to mitigate flooding that has the most damage.*

*Updates on Village Path properties - Hannah will speak with the Zoning Administrator*

*Follow-up on questions from last meeting - map*

*Approval of Minutes - will complete this at the March meeting.*