

Special Meeting of the Town of Richmond Selectboard: Volunteers Green Round Table Discussion

May 13, 2024

Richmond Town Center Meeting Room, 3rd Floor – 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT. Meeting may also be joined online or by phone

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6:00 PM **1. Welcome**

6:03 PM **2. Additions, Deletions, or Modifications to Agenda**

6:05 PM **3. Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**

- a) Introduction of participants
- b) Purpose of this discussion- Why are we here today; what do we want to achieve today?
- c) Guidelines for the discussion
- d) Brief history of Volunteers Green – Fran Thomas
- e) Cost to Town to repair Volunteers Green after a flood - Josh Arneson and Pete Gosselin
- f) Result of survey to determine the elevations, floodway and floodplain - Chris Haggerty
- g) Review of what can and cannot be done at Volunteers Green going forward relative to the Town's regulations - Tyler Machia
- h) Review of FEMA and any State regulations. Is there any recent data available relative to Richmond and the recent floods? - FEMA Representative
- i) Are there any changes possible to Town regulations that would allow for development on the band shell plateau and not add to flood damage? Is that a good idea? Can any regulations be waived? - Planning Commission/Town Planner
- j) Thoughts on the location of a new playground structure - Pete Gosselin
- k) Where can a new playground be located, band shell level or current location?
- l) If the playground remains in its current location, is there a way that it can be constructed so that flood damage to playground structures is greatly reduced or eliminated?
- m) If the playground remains at its current location, what is done with the band shell? Have an engineering study on what might need to be done to make it structurally sound? Renovate the band shell or remove it and replace it with a small pavilion and a restroom?
- n) If the playground structure can be moved up to the location of the bandshell should the crabapple trees be removed and replaced with a small pavilion with a restroom facility?
- o) Can anything be done to make the current restrooms more flood resilient as well as handicap accessible?
- p) Can the current trail along the riverbank be improved and more flood resilient?
- q) Could a hard surface path (sure-pack or paved) that is friendly to strollers, bikes, wheelchairs, etc. be built along the perimeter of the park?
- r) Should the fields continue to be made available and playable for baseball, softball, and soccer?
- s) Should Volunteers Green continue as the host site for the Farmer's Market and if so, where?
- t) Anything that has not been covered that Roundtable Invitees want to discuss?
- u) Public Comment

9:00 PM **4. Adjourn**

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