

Richmond Trails Comm
10-15-24

Present: Hannah Harrington, Tyler Merritt, Ben Feinson, Chase Rosenberg, Callie Ewald, Alison Aiken, Mike Donahue, Alex McAleer and Jean Bressor

Non Committee member present: Jake Ide

-Ben Feinson is the newest member on RTC. The Selecboard has appointed him as a non-voting member as he is a non-resident. He spoke on behalf of the Richmond Trail Running Club and they want to mobilize the running club to help to maintain the trails

-Andrews Comm Forest Committee - Co chair Daniel Schmidt quit. The Comm cleaned up the trails in the forest.

Two points brought up by the committee - who will maintain and build the trails? Will there be a commitment of connectivity to the adjoining private property?

Richmond Trails Committee and Richmond Mountain Trails are willing to build and maintain trails.

There is rough hewn hemlock from the forest that can be used to build bridges for the trails.

Two candidates applied for the ACFC - Jim Cochran as a RTC recommended member and Sam Pratt as a RCC appointee.

- Jimmy Cochran. Motion made and seconded. 7 yays, 0 nays and 1 abstaining with 8 voting.

- Sam Pratt. Motion made and seconded. 8 yays, 0 nays and 0 abstaining.

-Jericho Road trail - Conservation Comm invited our committee to come to a meeting. Callie and Tyler went to the meeting. The CC wants to look at the Donahue Brook corridor as a whole.

Including a Geomorphic study and the health of the whole system. They encouraged us to go for an RFP. Callie and Tyler then met with Josh Arneson this week and we will be receiving from FEMA \$130,000. We could pursue a design build RFP. Plan to connect with Chris Burnell first, then

Duncan Wardwell would write the RFP. Callie will follow up with Josh to keep this moving along.

-Replacing bridge near the canoe access. Jean will check with Richmond Land Trust to have Rod West drive on the RLT property to put in a tree bridge.

-Johnny Brook Trail - Nov 2nd - work day to add a deck to the boardwalk on the trail.

-Flip the bridge on the Rivershore Trail - Monday Oct 21st at 5:30pm - park at Cochran's - bring shovels, rockbars.

-Switching the trail status from spreadsheet to Trail Forks. Discussed doing it by encoding the Trailforks status on the site's website. Hannah will share the switch with interested parties.

-Chris Webster asked about Huckleberry Hill - determined that the property he was interested in is in Jericho.

-Approved the minutes - motion made and seconded.

-Next meeting - Nov 19th.