

# Ferrisburgh Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: July 8, 2024**

Members in attendance: Anne Cohn, Robert Coleburn, Drew Mills, Barry Estabrook, Katy Nunn, Amanda Crocker. Guest: Katie Raycroft-Meyer (Consultant)

Meeting commenced at 6:30 PM in the Ferrisburgh Town Hall.

1. **Review and approval of meeting minutes:** The minutes for June 10, 2024 were approved. Committee minutes and agendas can be found at [https://www.ferrisburghvt.org/vertical/sites/%7BB16C9BC8-6A0C-4814-B183-6F54A75E8A13%7D/uploads/FTC\\_Minutes\\_01092023.pdf](https://www.ferrisburghvt.org/vertical/sites/%7BB16C9BC8-6A0C-4814-B183-6F54A75E8A13%7D/uploads/FTC_Minutes_01092023.pdf)
2. **Anne Cohn attends Vermont Walk/Bike Summit in St. Johnsbury.** Major players were there including VTrans, Local Motion, and many town-based walking/biking organizations.
3. **Robert Coleburn participates in webinar “Safety First: How to Effectively Demonstrate Safe Outcomes in Your Grant Applications”.** The webinar stressed the importance of walker/biker safety in grant applications. Government grant giving departments are always looking for community projects that will reduce pedestrian and biker fatalities/injuries. Presenters said there are a lot of federal grants out there that are well funded due to the 2021 Infrastructure Bill.
4. **Barry Estabrook (also member of the Conservation Committee)** – said the Conservation Committee is organizing a workday on August 11 at 9am to maintain the access trail to the Town Forest. He invited members of the Trails Committee to participate.
5. **Travel Master Plan Work Session with Katie**
  - a. Committee reviewed Katie’s first draft of Travel Master Plan.
    - i. The plan will layout purpose and need. ii. We need to remember who our audience is (i.e. townspeople, selectboard, and grant giving organizations).
    - iii. The plan will go into some level of detail about different types of nonmotorized transportation that are desired (i.e. safe on road biking, smooth trail accessible walking, hiking, etc.)
    - iv. Parts of plan can be incorporated into Ferrisburgh Town Plan. The Travel Master Plan should mimic format and language of the Town Plan, using goals and objectives. The Town Plan can incorporate the Travel Master Plan as an appendix and as an HTML link from the Town Plan.
    - v. The Plan will list existing town assets: bike routes, State Parks, navigable rivers and creeks, boat launches, trails. Trails and bike routes may be classified in the Plan by type (i.e. foot traffic only, foot and bike appropriate, degree of difficulty, and bike safety considerations). vi. The Plan will include needs, priorities, and goals, for example, a bike path or Rt. 7 modification connecting Greenbush Rd. and Little Chicago Rd.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Preliminary plan is to meet on July 22 to walk Hinsdale property that borders Rt.

7. Meet up details to be determined.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

**Next Regular Meeting will be on August 12, 6:30pm at the Town Hall.**

