

Ferrisburgh Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2023

Members in attendance: Annie Cohn, Robert Coleburn, Katy Nunn, Drew Mills, Barry Estabrook

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM at Annie Cohn's house.

1. **Review and approval of meeting minutes:** The minutes for August 14, 2023 meeting were approved: https://www.ferrisburghvt.org/vertical/sites/%7BB16C9BC8-6A0C-4814-B183-6F54A75E8A13%7D/uploads/FTC_Minutes_01092023.pdf
2. **Selectboard Meeting** – Annie represented the Trails Committee at the August 22nd Selectboard Meeting. The Selectboard requires all town committees to report biannually and provide an update about committee activities, goals, and budgetary needs.
3. **Committee Members reported on tasks they were given that may be included in Master Plan.**
 - a. Maps (Drew) – Is continuing to source customizable maps for Ferrisburgh. The Town offices are closed but will seek out Pam Cousino for advice.
 - b. Class 4 Roads – Barry researched Class 4 Roads and legal trails. He had copies of maps with legal trails highlighted. He found that there are 7 miles of legal trails in town. Committee should consider a field trip to further explore legal trails/Class 4 Roads in town.
 - c. Points of Interest – Robert went over details of POI's around town.
 - d. Bike Routes and Trails – Katy contacted Kelly Brush of the Kelly Brush Foundation about the criteria they used for selecting bike routes for their annual benefit ride. Kelly emphasized to plan accessibility into trail development from the beginning, do not build a trail and go back later to make it accessible to people with disabilities.
 - e. Rails to Trails – Annie did some research on VTrans, Regional Planning, AARP, and Safe Routes to Schools. Their common theme is safe recreation, health, and education. Could be opportunities with them because they are grant giving organizations. Annie sees an opportunity for a north/south trail encompassing the greater part of the state. She talked to Mike Winslow with Regional Planning who says it's doable but that it is a very long-term project that could take up to 20 years. She also contacted Local Motion.
 - f. Accident data – Annie talked to local police and fire officials and says accident data is very scant.
4. **New Business** –
 - a. Robert will produce a brochure of existing Ferrisburgh trails for Ferrisburgh Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm