

Ferrisburgh Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2023

Members in attendance: Anne Cohn, Courtney Katnetzky, Robert Coleburn, Barry Estabrook, David Torres, Drew Mills. Guest: Clark Hinsdale

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM in the Ferrisburgh Town Hall.

1. **Review and approval of meeting minutes:** We did not hold a November meeting, no minutes to approve. October minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting. For past minutes see here: https://www.ferrisburghvt.org/vertical/sites/%7BB16C9BC8-6A0C-4814-B183-6F54A75E8A13%7D/uploads/FTC_Minutes_01092023.pdf
2. **Clark Hinsdale (private citizen) briefs Committee on his 64.8 acre property purchase near the Rokeby Museum.**
 - a. The property is 50/50 farmland and woods, in current use. The property is located across the street from the Rokeby Museum. He wants to develop a multi-purpose conservation plan. Clark serves on the Board of the Rokeby and wants to preserve and protect cultural resources on the property that relate to the Rokeby. Clark is also interested in exploring the possibility of a trail corridor from Rokeby back to the railroad tracks. This area abuts the Little Otter Creek WMA and could potentially form a trail network to Long Point. Clark would like us to work with the Rokeby to develop a plan for the property.
3. **Clark Hinsdale (Selectboard member) and the Committee to discuss Rokeby trail network and access issues to the Town Forest.**
 - a. Clark received a complaint from persons representing the Rokeby that they were not allowed to park on Buckwheat St. (class 4 road) by landowners Schultz/Aldrich. To provide some background, Rokeby owns the land to the west of the access to the Town Forest and Schultz/Aldrich own the land to the east. There is signage on Robinson Rd. and a general understanding that people who want to access the Town Forest will park on Robinson Rd. Clarification is needed as to rights of bordering landowners for vehicular access to Buckwheat St.
4. **Clark Hinsdale (Selectboard member) proposing trail signage to promote volunteerism.**
 - a. Clark would like the following signage, or something like it, to be posted on Town owned trails: "Ferrisburgh Trails are provided to you by private landowners, not for profit groups, Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, the Town of Ferrisburgh, the State of Vermont and others. The Ferrisburgh Trails Committee is excited to identify trail users who may be willing to help maintain trails on Workdays, advocate for Trails in our community, and perhaps serve on the Trails Committee in the future.
If you would like to be on our mailing list to learn of trail news and volunteer opportunities, please send your name and your email or regular mail address to Ferrisburgh Trails Committee at _____."

5. Municipal Planning Grant Decision

- a. The Trails Committee voted unanimously to accept Addison County Regional Planning Commission's proposal to write our Ferrisburgh Trail & Travel Master Plan. The Committee looks forward to working with them to develop the plan.
- b. Drew Mills will be the grant administrator. The Committee thanks Drew for taking this on.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Next Meeting will be on January 8th, 7pm at the Town Hall.