

FERRISBURGH TRAILS MEETING MINUTES

10/14/2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Crocker, Courtney Kanetzky, Barry Estabrook, Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Anne Cohn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Coleburn, Laura Fair, Drew Mills, Katy Nunn, David Torres

Meeting start 6:40 at the Town Hall

No quorum to accept previous minutes

Discussed the field trip to Jean Richardson/Clark Hinsdale properties along Lewis Creek to get the lay of the land. The takeaway: need safe and easy access to the trails along the water. Currently hikers/fishermen have used landowners' driveways or slid down off Rte 7 to access trails. Neither of which are desirable. Also, due to the last big rains, a lot of the water's edge land eroded significantly so that historically used trails are no longer desirable, and new paths will need to be created.

Field trip with TOD (Transportation Oriented Development) consulting SE Group EAlex Belenz and ***, Jean Richardson, Bonnie Barnes, Robert Coleburn, Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Anne Cohn to visualize potential areas for modest development within the Village designated area. Not a lot of available land, but ideas for any growth were for affordable, multi-use buildings that would help this part of town to feel like a center, be walkable and have social value...among other benefits.

Field trip to the west side of Kingsland Bay, where the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forests, with the Youth Corp, created a large portion of the work planned to clear and enhance existing trails, divert hikers off "illegal" trails, create and move old trails from erosion prone areas to more desirable sites, build "stairways" on the steeper slopes, place signage to guide and to educate hikers....

Katie shared a few new trail maps with ideas for the key and for showing conceptual trails linking final destinations, with the goal of creating a map that is clear, uncontroversial, and easy to interpret. She asks the committee to study the map and point out what might be missing, what needs to be accentuated or eliminated....and get back to her as she continues to refine the map.

Discussion, as always, about desired trails and what reality limits: landowners, wetlands, ROWs etc.

Katie also presented a worksheet with the column headers: Objectives, Implementation Action, Recommended Partner, Timing. Priority

Our task is to fill in the best we can and share with each other Katie. For those not at the meeting, a copy can be sent to you.

Community Outreach: Nov 5, voting day. Annie will see if the conference room in the Town Hall might be used for a community trails conversation space. Katie will get us an enlarged map, showing the best of what we've got so far. Amanda's going to create a Google document outlining key points of discussion.... which are: why the important end destinations might have value to a community member, and then where conceptualized trails might exist and how they might have value. .. something along these lines.

We agreed that most of the trails are already in existence, and our plans hope to connect, enhance, and make accessible.

Also remember to connect to Town Plan and vice versa

Continue perusing through other town travel plans to find good ideas, interesting approaches, map marking, etc.

Meeting adjourned 8:50

Notes submitted by Annie