



Randolph Conservation Commission

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00pm

Conference Room B at Town Hall

In Attendance: Rachel Westbrook, Ian Blackmer, Emily Lewis, Chandler Engel, Jessamyn West, Sue Poulin, guest

Meeting called to order 6:04

Review Minutes

Ian moved to approve, Emily second, approved (Chandler abstained)

Ellis Update

Starting up work at Ellis in the next month.

Got an update from Chloe Sardonis who is with the Dept of Forestry who would like to establish phenology plots to monitor the invasives that were there. Might be good for school tie-ins or programming. It would involve tagging plots and/or trees.

Sayward Update

Logging is finished. Brendan went on the walk on the 24th and said it went well. The rest of the clean-up is waiting for the road to be less muddy.

Seedlings are either on order or ordered for that location.

Morgan Easton (Rec department, ROC) said that they got a grant from VMBA for trail upgrade and restoration which we will work with them on.

AJ's YouTube channel has a video on the process of the logging in case people want to see it.

Discussion about what is happening with the parking area and whether we had made a decision about how it was going to be worked out (expanded, something else?) which needs to be clarified when this happens.

Discussion about the Ridgeline agreement with RCC in terms of the grants.

VELOMONT Update

Emily spoke with Angus. Angus has a map which he'll send along. VELOMONT looks like it will go through Ellis and Randolph Village so RCC probably needs to make sure we have an agreement with either VELOMONT or how the structure of the organization and subsidiary organizations. Maybe we can get Morgan to come to the next RCC meeting, or Angus.

Membership

Selectboard meeting is this Thursday. We have four openings total, with one of them filled by Sue. We also have four candidates with the remaining three positions:

Jason Aldous

Bob Raskevitz

Ken Hafner

Tom Malanchuk (potential alternate - since he's out of town part of the year)

Jessamyn/Courtney are cycling off and Jeff's term is up so we have one more person coming in for partial terms.

Other Business

New leadership. Chandler will be the new treasurer.

Thinking about people for the CTO (comms) role. Jessamyn will make documentation for an incoming comms person.

We should clarify exactly how the proceeds of the logging money make it into the Conservation Fund. And also, how much of the income is going to parking lot improvement. Ian will information gather to double check with AJ with where we had left the parking lot improvement project from AJ's perspective.

Adjourn: 6:50