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Present: Emily, Ian, Harrison, Rachel, Jessamyn, Chandler
Guest: Morgan Easton

6:04

Harrison, Ian move to approve march minutes. Unanimous.

Outreach

Invasive Species letter passed around seems ok, will send it off.

Barry the Bat Guy posters passed around and program scheduled for May 3 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.

Ridgeline/Grants

Morgan Easton with a Ridgeline update. They manage trails in this region. They had a grant opportunity for doing improvements on two parts of trails in the Sayward Forest. Improvements and adaptive work on the Fern Trail (with some reviews possibly pending from Vermont Adaptive) this would include machine work on that trail and hand built improvements on other trails.

Adaptive riding info on the VT Mountain Bike Association is here

<https://vmba.org/adaptive-riding/>

Would be nice as a draw for people to the area. Rachel asked if accessibility of the parking areas need to be considered as part of this. Morgan will ask Vermont Adaptive for advice and to see if that should be a potential part of this project.

Emily asked about grant vs logging timing. Morgan expects to hear from them about the grant by May. If they get the grant it needs to go out to bid and trail builders are busy lately. Looking into having "trail stewardship camp" which could get younger people interested in trail building and stewardship.

The Sayward project and logging approval (or feedback) should come from the Selectboard next week. Ridgeline would love to help support and advocate once the logging project and educational outreach gets going.

Bike Borderlands, Ride with Gratitude Pledge is an outreach project which supports positive usage of trails and respect for land owners.

<https://bikeborderlands.com/sign-the-pledge/>

Ellis/Ridgeline Communication

Looking at the trash situation at Ellis is a concern. The trash can has been up there since Jeff Tolbert's service. The trash can is attached to the kiosk up there and Morgan occasionally empties it. The issue isn't the kids but the trash but also public safety and visibility.

Proposals: "pack it in pack it out" signs, "speed limit" signs, communications with town staff before reservoir work happens so we can effectively set expectations with trail access and parking as well as signage to let people know about what's going on.

Brendan will (Rachel will check) attending the Selectboard meeting and we can follow up with them and the Water Department in terms of timeline.

Other Business

Emily emailed The Bear Guy. Ben Killam He's still doing talks, would do one for us. Fee is \$600 and he'd like us to toss out dates to see what works. **Emily** will follow up.

Green Up Day is coming up on May 6th. **Emily** wanted to know who had interest in cleanup and will check the White River Partnership and follow up. Website is

<https://greenupvermont.org/>

Meeting adjourned Emily/Chandler 7:02