

SFSC Approved Minutes

February 22, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Date: 2/22/2022

Location: ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206507859>

Facilitator: Patrick Pfeifer

Present: Brett, Nancy, Patrick, Michael, Jenny

CC Rep: Ed

Public: Victoria, UVM Intern

Public Comment:

Update from Ed - Conservation Commission has written a small grant to monitor Gurnsey Brook to see if we can upgrade to Class A stream this summer.

Agenda adjustment(s):

Approve December 2021 and January 2022 minutes: Approved.

Trail updates:

Parking lots in winter? Town plows Hollister Hill parking, don't plow Jake Martin because the entrance is too tight for trucks. Ed or Rich sometimes plow this one. Do we need to think about a different solution long term about how to do this? Consider seeing who plows for Weaving School and if we could add to their route.

Management plan revisions:

-Review and final edits to appendices
reviewed all appendices as a group, looking at each one. Some minor changes discussed and confirmed (titles for documents, labels on historic resources map).

Appendix K, combines multiple previous sources of info about governance of Stranahan committee into one place

Decision around which trails map to include - use the one from the town website which shows all trails (hiking trails and biking trails).

Question about the winter shortcut trail - used to show up on a map associated with the old plan? Future discussion is needed about what to do with this trail - currently not shown on maps because it is winter only

with insufficient stream crossings for year-round use, to either improve it for use, better sign it for clear user expectations, or decommission and close (or other options)

-Committee agrees that the plan is finalized in draft form, all appendices are complete pending the remaining minor revisions, and we are ready to discuss the process for public input and selectboard review!

-Timeline for presenting plan to the Select Board

We've received and incorporated comments from VLT and Conservation Commission, ready to share more broadly.

Piece of process to document public comment - create a folder on google drive to document these.

Suggestion from Nancy for process: Share link to document and invite public to next Stranahan meeting for discussion or to send comment via email, then send to Selectboard and put on agenda for following Selectboard meeting.

Share via front porch forum and other outlets.

Comments via email - send to someone on the committee's personal email, or send to a formal town email address, or set up an online survey form?

Victoria, town UVM, role with internship is all about public input and connection between town and the community, so she may be able to play a role in helping to collect and collate comments from multiple sources.

Print one copy of everything (plan and appendices) to have available for public review at the town office or library.

Poster at each trailhead with info that we are updating the plan and a link to review - this can also be posted at post office, village store, etc. Patrick will do this.

Also send it to Bobby to pass along to other town committees.

Susan at the Library can send out to library newsletters.

Process:

1. Finish the final appendix edits (Nancy + Brett)
2. Generate shareable and uneditable files for public sharing (Patrick + Nancy)
3. Print copy for town office (Send to Bobby to Print?)
4. Create language for digital posting via front porch forum, email/newsletter outreach, and facebook (Nancy and Victoria)
5. Create content and formatting for physical posting flyers for post office, trailheads, library, and other local areas. (Patrick and Victoria)

6. Messaging invites people to comment via email or letter to the town office by next meeting (March 22) or join that meeting via zoom for input.
7. March 22 meeting to review comments
8. Send to the selectboard an agenda for their next meeting.

Other topics:

Dog signage update ([Dog Leash Signage](#))

Reviewed the dog sign, approved by committee. Patrick will print and laminate 2 copies to post at the trailheads.

2022 Budget items

Update from Rich Baker via Nancy, Marshfield part of a potential planning grant for recreational opportunities in Marshfield (not just the forest, but cross vermont trail and other recreation resources in the town).

March Agenda Topics:

Standing meeting items (approve minutes, trail update)

Public input

Natural resources inventory survey

Next meeting: Look into having one person (Michael) stationed at the town office to allow in-person public engagement if anyone is interested.

March Facilitator: Nancy