

April 7, 2021

Meeting began at 6:33 pm

Facilitating: Laura Ginsburg

Planning Commission Members Present: Janet Wells, Brenda Fields, Nancy Chapman, Dan Ruddell, Shane Young, Israel Provocha

Public Present: Toddy Tyson, Ken Ashley, Anne Leeds

Review of Agenda

- Review of trails discussion to date
- Discuss recommendation to Selectboard to form Trails Committee
- Public Comment

Updates on Planning Commission Webpage

- Organized between resources and public comments

Awaiting League of Cities and Towns for a second legal opinion on trail use

First Motion: make a recommendation to the Selectboard to appoint a Trails Committee - motion carried

Second Motion: membership of above-noted committee to be made up of no more than 8 and no less than 5 individuals of which will be made up of the following: 1 Planning Commission member, 1 Conservation Committee member, 1 Recreation Committee member, and the remainder be to be unaffiliated members of the community - motion carried

Third Motion: To outline the tasks to be taken up by the Trails Committee to include: information and communications about use of trails (signage, events, when they are opened/closed), types and amount of use, seasonal issues/usage, event discussion (what constitutes a large event? Event expectations/oversight), sources of funding, cooperative work with landowners - motion carried

Fourth Motion: To make a recommendation to the Selectboard to make an interim policy for foot traffic only on legal trails until a policy is forthcoming from the Planning Commission - the motion was defeated

Fifth Motion: A recommendation to the Selectboard to put up signs on the legal trails that state that they are sensitive areas, under review, and not to be used by motorized vehicles, contingent upon review - motion carried

Public Comment:

Todd Tyson

- Reference to Town Plan definition of public trails use and trail use advocacy
- Question concerning the state of the Town Plan approval process
  - Currently with the Selectboard pending a vote

Anne Leeds and Ken Ashley

- Trails are in fine condition
- Want people who are passionate about subject to be on Trails Committee
- Clarification on the different classes of Ebikes

Todd Tyson

- Conducted survey of other town officials and found that almost all towns have similar definitions of non-motorized use found in the Tunbridge Town Plan
- Researched the amount of legal trails statewide

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm