

SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
5:30 PM

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.

**Roll Call:** Present were Jim Fog (presiding), Barbara Schultz, Town Manager Jeff Mobus (by invitation), John Bond, Bettina McCrady, Josephine Hingston and Riverside Middle School principal Nate McNaughton (by invitation)

**Announcements:** There were no announcements

**Approval of minutes of 9/8/22:** The minutes' approval was deferred to the next meeting.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business**

—Status of VOREC applications: Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, presented the VOREC grant budget, totaling \$22,100.00. Items included:

- Historic snippet/recording production: remains to be done
- Historic snippet/recording research/script (Springfield Area Historical Society: remains to be done
- Mapping/design: done
- Printing brochures/maps: done
- Printing even posters/banners: done
- Anniversary race timing, materials: done
- Trailhead kiosk upgrade: in process
- New trailhead kiosks: two of three are installed
- Hartness Park bench; done
- Hartness Park picnic tables (2): done
- Arborist services: done
- Invasives management contractor: in progress
- Invasives management inventory: done
- Trail signage (50 plaques): remains to be done
- Toonerville Trail maintenance: done
- Website development/hosting: remains to be done

—Status of trail signs— John Bond reported he has constructed 10 trail signposts and will contact Bibens Building Supply for materials to make more. Barbara Schultz provided all with a copy of the committee's town trails brochure which would be available via QR code to users with a smartphone. Chuck Gregory said he will search his notes to find the historical snippets he written to be the material for QR code audio material. Bettina said she will contact Springfield Area Public Access TV about narrating the audio.

—Riverside school trails project— Nate Mc Naughton reviewed Riverside's interest in student-designed and -built smaller-scale trails in Hartness Park for mountain biking. He appeared before the committee to get feedback and an indication of the level of support that would be available. The trails would be for mountain cycling, but would also be suitable for

walking. Barbara Schultz pointed out that the places in Hartness Park that don't have trails are generally wet or quite steep. Nate McNaughton stated the proposed trails would be from the higher ground to the water tower. Jim Fog said that Nate might want to connect with Tree Farm Campground and Muckcross staff about a through trail for cyclists. McNaughton mentioned that mountain biking is generally quite well supported by grants. Jim offered to walk through the proposed sites with him. McNaughton said he was interested in what conditions need to be met to conform with the committee's standards for trails— route, surface, signage, etc. The committee were encouraging and indicated that improvement of any existing trail would be greatly appreciated, such as Woodbury Road and Double Creek. Jeff Mobus mentioned that there is interest in building a three-hole Frisbee golf courses in Hartness park. McNaughton said he will have his people write up a proposal to present to the committee and the town. He said it would be "a while" before Riverside will present the proposal. Jeff, Bettina and Barbara will supply the remaining invoices. Jeff will submit the town's numbers to the committee for use.

—Annual report, 2021-22. Members received the draft of the annual report to edit.

The next meeting will be held October 27th, 5:30 PM at the town offices.

**Agenda:**

**Call to Order:**

**Roll Call:**

**Announcements**

**Approval of minutes of 9/8/22 and 9/29/22:**

**Old Business—**

The status of:

- Historic snippet/recording production
- Historic snippet/recording research/script
- Trailhead kiosk upgrade
- Remaining trailhead kiosk installation
- Bench installation
- Invasives management inventory
- Trail signage plaques
- Website development/hosting

Approval of annual report

**New Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58.

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary