

Team Meeting - May 24, 2022

Present:

Joshua Schwartz, Amy Tomasso, Eric Friedman, Annie Decker-Dell'Isola, Corrie Miller, Laura Arnesen, Ross Saxton, Bob Kogut, Chris Stephenson, Liza Walker

Updates

Mad River Path

- Presented to Waitsfield Selectboard on 5/23/22
- Next Steps:
 - Walk with Waitsfield SB through proposed Path
 - Talk to SB & landowners
 - Make plan w/ survey (required for VTrans)
 - 1111 Permit application

Waitsfield

- What are the suite of options on the table to make that trail connection?
- Property owners were present at the 5/23/22 SB meeting who were concerned about the path
- VTrans study: talking through initial ped safety & vehicular & stormwater concerns – have a conversation about what that study means for the Rec Hub Path

Rec District

- Concerns over article in the VR - does the public understand how long a VTrans study might take and that it might not yield a change in the intersection?
- Josh: hesitant to talk about the 100/17 intersection before meeting w/ VTrans
- Check with friends about their perception of the project - is our message clear and getting out?
- Polishing up procurement process document
- Meeting w/ VT Community Foundation about a bridge loan for the bridge
 - Directly through Riders
 - 5% loan
 - 1% of borrowing amount
- MRV Rec Hub site is now live
 - Is the website more for project context or timely updates?
 - Updates as needed, minutes are also posted

Riders

- No wetlands on site - had a walk w/ Shannon Morrison, district wetlands ecologist
- June 13 @ 11 a.m.: river specialist Gretchen Alexander & Ned Swanberg, floodplain specialist
- Josh encourages partner participation in that meeting
- Riders can pay for engineering & survey stuff for a while

Chamber

- Started interior layout design for new Visitor Center - will share designs with the partners

- Meeting w/ Wood & Wood, John Morris to talk about consistent branded look for whole building
- What should we call the site?
 - Mad River Valley Visitor Center & Recreation Hub - TBD
- Meeting w/ Yestermorrow 5/25 to visit site regarding building a structure to house the port-o-lets and/or a gazebo or other structure, buildout desired for 2023

Management Plan

- Under project components
 - Add a permitting & survey section
- Lighting
 - Adding lighting to the parking lot?
 - ~20 spots earmarked for visitor center, the rest for businesses - but can't really distinguish between these uses
 - Parking lot will probably have night use - better to proactively solve for this
 - Have conversation with John about lighting
- Land Usage/Landowner Agreement:
 - Should we have a more thorough operating agreement w/ landowner?
 - Times of use, etc.
 - Currently only have parking easement & VOREC agreement
- Signage/Structures
 - Eric
- Landscaping
 - Would like to get Britton from Yestermorrow involved in landscape design
 - Cost?
 - Eric & Corrie
- Trailhead kiosks
 - How many major and minor?
 - Other kiosks going up in the Valley soon - Mad River Path on Flemer Field, Boyce Hill Town Forest
 - Map updates forthcoming from the MRVPD
- Website/Communications
 - MRVRD oversees content updates
 - Partners fill out Google doc with regular updates
 - One-pager to post around town
 - Laura will be point-person to synthesize updates on a weekly basis

Other

- Trails Collaborative meeting 5/25
 - Partners will share updates
- Should we go deeper into one topic area in our team meetings?