

SECOND AMENDED
SPRINGFIELD TRAILS, GREENWAYS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA FOR APRIL 24 , 2018
7:00 PM Selectboard Room, Springfield Town Hall
PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE
Regular Monthly Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month except December

Call to order 7:00 pm

Special Presentation: Active Transportation Plan Katherine Otto

Old Business

1. Approve Minutes of prior meeting
2. Review Master Maps prepared by Randy Gray.
3. Report of Bettina Regarding letter/contact regarding Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan.
4. Report by George McNaughton regarding Basin letter.
5. Hemp Production regulation (Report by Randy Gray)

New Business

6. Discuss request for input from the Planning Commission regarding "heavy cut" as contained within the following:

Section 3.13 Forestry

Forestry uses shall include the maintenance, construction and alteration of logging roads, skid ways, landings, fences, and forest drainage systems. The following requirements shall be met:

- (A) All slash and tops from within fifty (50) feet of a public right-of-way shall be removed immediately.
- (B) No more than 50% of the basal area of standing timber within fifty (50) feet of a public right-of-way may be cut.
- (C) Suitable measures for the prevention of excessive soil erosion onto public rights-of-way shall be installed and maintained.
- (D) Landowners who intend to conduct a heavy cut of 40 acres or more on land owned or controlled by the landowner are required by V.S.A.10 Chapter 83 § 2625 to file a "Notice of Intent to Cut" with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR).

7. Community Gardens (Report by G McNaughton about contact)
8. Report of Bettina McCrady about contact with Tom Kennedy regarding general availability of grants
9. Report of Bettina McCrady about contact with Bob Flint and Town Manager about status of the Toonerville Trail Extension

10. Such other matters needing timely action under the Committee's 5 Top Priorities

Discuss Agenda for next month

Adjourn 8:30 pm

1. After organizing itself, the Committee would proceed to gather together all, or as many of the various studies of pedestrian, bicycle or other pathways or sidewalks which have been made, but not yet constructed. 2. Emanating out from the spinal trail system that runs north/south through Springfield, determine where there are voids in the access such as a gap in the trail or a lack of sidewalks, and then analyze how the gap could be remedied. This is expanded to include review of potential major trail developments outside of the spinal trail on the ridges and their potential for a trail system beyond that of the spinal trail connections, and also identify potential undeveloped walkways. 3. Develop a scouting system to locate grants pertaining to trails, greenways, byways, and rural enterprises which could serve as Springfield destinations, and a grant team trained to react quickly to grant opportunities. 4. Develop a checklist of rural economic, educational or cultural facilities or enterprises which would enhance the middle-class appeal, increase the Grand List, tie in with themes or developments in the developed portion of town or otherwise improve the aesthetics and quality of life in the Springfield community, including meeting with the local real estate agents as a group to determine ways that rural areas of Springfield could be enhanced in order to increase real estate values and the marketability of the community. 5. Work on how to organize and fund trail maintenance, curb invasive species, and develop monitoring to avoid or reduce *trail abuse or illegal activities*.