

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
RIVERWALK WORKING GROUP MEETING
Minutes of October 16, 2024
Full meeting recording is available at
<https://youtu.be/54kwgPydcJU>

I. ROLL CALL

- a. Participants: Participants: Thomas Davis, Tim Swartz, Kahwa Douoguih, Kaitlyn Keating, Merry Shernock, Mary Nadon-Scott, DeLane McIlvene, Charlie Morse, Patrick Meehan, Dan Anderson. Lincoln the Black Lab

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from September 30, 2024 approved without objections.

IV. DISCUSSION

Discussion on Act 250 Jurisdictional Opinion:

- o Email sent back in July, awaiting confirmation on whether a permit is required.
- o Northfield is now a 10-acre town, affecting permit requirements.
- o Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission indicated a possibility of waiving permits in specific cases.
- Updates on obtaining easement rights from Dollar General:
 - o Need for a drawing to proceed with the request.
 - o Pat to provide a top-down drawing to scale for Dollar General's review.
 - o Tom Davis will contact Dollar General once the drawing is available.

☐ **Cross Brothers Dam Project**

- Timeline for dam removal set for next year.
- Concerns raised about potential erosion post-removal.
- Engineers involved in assessing potential impacts and designing appropriate measures.
- Project milestones: 60% plan by January, 90% by February, and 100% by May.

☐ **New Business and Strategic Planning**

- Discussion on alternative routes for section A, with considerations of floodplain challenges and property owners.
- Future funding opportunities:
 - Recreational Trail Program application open until December 6th, offering up to \$50,000 with a 20% match.
 - Need to secure permissions from property owners like the Fernandez family and the senior center.

☐ **Next Steps and Action Items**

- Prepare for potential jurisdictional decision and easement finalization with Dollar General.
- Approach Fernandez (Tom) family and senior center (Charlie) for permissions after Pat delivers map.
- Consider recreational trail funding application, factoring in necessary documents and mapping.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The group adjourned at 6:49 p.m.