

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT  
RIVERWALK WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**Minutes of August 21, 2024**

**Full meeting recording is available at**

**<https://youtu.be/8f1JzfHwjV0>**

**I. ROLL CALL**

- a. Participants: Participants: Thomas Davis, Tim Swartz, Kahwa Douoguih, Kaitlyn Keating, Bill Clements, Merry Shernock, Mary Nadon-Scott, DeLane McIlvene, Charlie Morse

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None**

**III. DISCUSSION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes from July 31, 2024 approved without objections.

**V. DISCUSSION**

**Bidding Process for Dam Removal and Path Creation**

- Jeff has communicated with contractors about dam removal
- Engineers to determine feasibility and cost of accessibility
- Two approaches discussed: integrating with dam removal or separate bidding post-removal
- Need to finalize specifications and scope before proceeding with bids

**T-Mobile Grant and Funding**

- T-Mobile grant application was not successful
- Next application deadline: September 30th
- Emphasized need for letters of support from various stakeholders
  - Suggested stakeholders: Northfield Farmers Market, Northfield Savings Bank, Pharmacy, Norwich University, etc.
- Photos and an aerial map recommended for stronger application

## **Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA) Pathway Proposal**

- VSHA willing to engage in conversation regarding the path behind Green Mountain Apartments
- Conditions: liability release, USDA easement, fence installation and maintenance, lighting and monitoring details
- Chief willing to handle security measures (e.g., cameras)

### **Visual Aids for Night on the Common Event**

- Identified key photos and diagrams to be enlarged and laminated
- Discussed logistics for displaying visuals: use of easels, trifolds
- Confirmed need for specific images: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 3D, 5D, 7D, S2

### **Action Items**

- Merry to call Vermont Land Trust for details on accessible trails
- Coordination for T-Mobile grant letters by September 15th
- Jeff to coordinate with engineers and finalize specs for project
- Contact stakeholders for letters of support
- Tom Davis will schedule meeting with VSHA, including Chief for security discussion

### **Next Steps**

- Next meeting scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month
- Work session planned for September 16th to prepare visuals for Night on the Common
- Follow-up on payment confirmation to Timber and Stone

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The group adjourned at 7:17 p.m.