Agenda Summary September 25, 2024

Agenda Item A-4 Mayo A Rec Path/Quiet Path Bridge

Summary: The bridge which connects from the Rec Path onto the Quiet Path on Mayo A was washed away during the flooding this past July. The bridge has been floating and dislodged several times over recent years due to floods and high water levels.

See attached map.

Location 1: This bridge has continuously been flooded over the past few years and was completely washed away during the recent flooding. It is located in the flood plain. An in-kind replacement is not recommended due to the susceptibility of future flooding. If replaced, the replacement would have to be expanded in length, raised, and also include side rails. This would require applying for permits which would not be assured.

Location 2: Shows a proposed alternative location for entrance from Rec Path to Mayo A and the Quiet Path. The stream crosses back underneath the Rec Path prior to this location so this would not require a stream crossing and it is located outside of the flood plain, thus would not require zoning permit. The proposal would be to lay a culvert and create a gravel land bridge over the culvert which crosses a drainage swale. The red line on the map shows a proposed extension of the Quiet Path. The Town has the materials in-house and can do the work.

Town Plan Impact: Supported by the Recreation Policy, "The Mayo Farm Community Events Field will be maintained, and upgraded as necessary, for special events and will be used for recreation during non-event periods."

Fiscal Impact: Replacing a new bridge at the existing location #1 would cost an estimated \$6,500 +/- plus permitting cost since it is in the flood plain. The Town has the materials and can do the work in-house for the proposed location #2.

Recommendation: Move to approve the proposal to create a land bridge at location 2 and extend the Rec Path as shown on the map and to eliminate the bridge crossing at location 1. Staff will also remove the gravel path which led to the previous bridge and allow vegetation to grow in.

