



September 2023 Update

Friends of Esmont Meeting Minutes

Present: Peggy Denby, Denise and Doug Bush, Pat Healy

PSM – What will we do if we do get either grant being pursued?

Peggy is working on \$400K and \$10K grants. If we get the \$400K grant, John McGurn, a local builder, has expressed interest in doing the building.

If we do not get the \$400K grant, it does not make sense to continue to do temporary stuff, so the most likely scenario is we will begin to dismantle the building and store the salvageable lumber/trim, etc. If we can get \$50K to fix the roof, we would not have to dismantle.

We will use our current funds to fix up the Trailhead which is underway. Pat wants to (1) cinder block the two holes in the inside wall to separate the two rooms, (2) replace the metal windows with glass bricks, (3) put permanent electric connection in the building to eliminate the temporary connection and pole (4) install lights inside the building, (5) take the big broken barn door down, leaving the runner for future replacement. Pat will begin work after the current heat wave is over.

WETLAND – Peggy working on getting clear title to property. Her cousin, a retired Virginia Attorney, is reviewing the documents including Title Searches. Waiting for his report. Once we have clear title Brandon can work out the details for converting to a Wetland through his connections.

ESMONT TRAIL – Peggy will contact Tim Padelino at Parks and Rec for a meeting to discuss the County's interest in helping us create a trail from midway through the Village up to Simpson Park, connecting with the County's Trail.

FINANCIALS – Denise handed out Financial Statements for July and Year to Date.