

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 16th , 2010 @ 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: October 14th , 2010

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Robert Weidknecht, Matt Varrell, Melissa Halstead, Mark Kaplan, and Nik Parrish

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Ken Henderson, and Marc Connelly

GUESTS: John Higley, and John Rizoli

PREPARED BY: Nik Parrish

COPIES TO: Will McColl, Board of Selectmen
Tom Meehan, Finance Committee
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator
Jackie Dellicker, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of August 19th Meeting Notes.** Matt Varrell moved to approve the August meeting notes; Mark Kaplan seconded; the vote was 5-0-0.
2. **Rail Banking Extension.** The STB (Surface Transportation Board) has agreed to extend the Rail Banking Status to August 22nd , 2011.
3. **Town Counsel Services Invoice.** An invoice in the amount of \$246.50 for services rendered on the CSX Purchase and Sale Agreement was presented to the Committee from the Town Counsel for review and payment approval. Matt Varrell motioned to pay the invoice from the DCR Grant account; Nik Parrish seconded the motion; the vote was 5-0-0.
4. **South Street Crossing.** The town has begun to pave South Street and a safe crossing of the trail over South Street will need to be designed and approved before the final topping is applied in the 1st quarter of 2011. Nik Parrish will contact selectman William McCall to determine the best way to address this need.

5. **CSX Purchase and Sales Agreement.** The Purchase and Sale Agreement has been drafted in it's final form; the signing of the agreement is expected to be accomplished before the end of the year.
6. **Donation of the ALIM Parcel.** The donation of the ALIM parcel is awaiting a survey to be done by Holliston to complete the transaction.
7. **Trans-River Agreement.** The Committee will continue it's efforts to collect Trans-River's obligation of \$25,000 toward the improvements of the trail right-of-way.
8. **Massachusetts Recreation Trail Program.** The HTC will write a grant application to qualify for funds to make improvements to the portion of the trail now owned by the Town of Holliston.
9. **Celebrate Holliston Day.** The HTC will set up and man an information booth on the 25th of September for the 'Celebrate Holliston Day. The activities will begin at 9:00am and Robert Weidknecht, Nik Parrish, Matt Varrell, Melissa Halstead, and Mark Kaplan will man the booth at agreed times during the day.
10. **October 2010 Trails Committee Meeting.** The next meeting has been scheduled for October 14th (Thursday) at 7:00pm in the Holliston Town Hall.
11. **Meeting Adjournment.** Nik Parrish motioned to adjourn the meeting; Melissa Halstead seconded; the vote was 4-0-1 in favor, with Matt abstaining The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht, Chair