

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Hybrid Participation)

ISSUE DATE: April 19, 2022

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Wilson McDonald

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Tina Hein, Select Board
Travis Ahern, Town Administrator
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Emergency Remote Participation.** Robert Weidknecht reviewed the special procedures for conducting the Trails Committee meeting by remote participation.
- 2. Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-1, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
- 3. DPW Grounds Group – Future Maintenance.** Robert Weidknecht reported on plans for future maintenance of the Trail to be assumed by the DPW. It is expected that the warrant for the next Town Meeting will include an article seeking to fund three employees to maintain all of the Town parks, including the Trail.

- 4. Tree – Near Christopher Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Rob Walker of the DPW will evaluate the tree on Christopher Road that was reported as being a potential hazard.
- 5. Signs Needed – Solect Parking Area.** Herb Brockert will contact Star Sign to obtain larger, more visible signage for the Solect parking area.
- 6. Phipps Tunnel Area.**
 - a. Drain Cleaning.** Robert Weidknecht reported that drain cleaning will hopefully be scheduled for this spring.
 - b. Proposals from Engineers.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has met with an engineer to obtain a quote for repairing the north face of Phipps Tunnel.
- 7. Blair Square Committee Update.** Herb Brockert reported that full funding has been obtained from the CPC. Plans for the Square have been finalized and the next step is to obtain construction bids.
- 8. Comprehensive Long Range Plan Update.** Ken Henderson reported that a second survey will be published, both online and in paper. The survey will be targeting seniors and youth, which are two groups that were underrepresented in the last survey.
- 9. Holliston 300th Celebration 2024.** Robert Weidknecht reported that ideas are being solicited for ways to celebrate the Town's upcoming 300th anniversary.
- 10. Scout Projects.**
 - a.** Tom Whynot – Drainage at Monroe Drive Area. This project is on track.
 - b.** Vyom Shah – Railing Near Washington Street. This project is awaiting BSA approval.
- 11. Trail Conditions.**
 - a. Tree Maintenance.** Robert Weidknecht led a discussion on required tree maintenance. The Trail will be evaluated a section at a time. Members of the Committee will meet on April 6, 2022 to evaluate the trail between Monroe Drive and Hopping Book Road, after which bids will be solicited from local arborists. The Friends of Holliston Trails will donate \$10,000 for this project.
 - b. Landscape Improvements.** Bud Schmitt will develop a landscaping proposal for each of the intersections along the Trail.

c. Drainage Repair at 354-360 Woodland Street. Herb Brockert will discuss drainage repair at this location with Rob Walker of the DPW.

12. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2022 at 7 p.m.

13. Meeting Adjournment. Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman