

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM (Hybrid Participation)

ISSUE DATE: May 25, 2023

### **PRESENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt, Marc Connelly and Robert Weidknecht

### **ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert

### **PRESENT**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

### **ABSENT**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Ed Daniels

PREPARED BY: Bud Schmitt

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. 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 April 23, 2023 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
- 3. Public Comment.** Ed Daniels discussed various subjects including their long term support for the Rail Trail. Friends of Holliston Trails (FOT) is putting together some information about the total

amount of financial support they have made to the trail over the years to be shared with the public. Other subjects include getting a new web developer to help with the site and working to approve a new collection system to make it easier for patrons to donate to their cause. Also noted the Touch A Truck event scheduled for May 6th at the High School.

4. **Letter from Holliston Woods (Monroe Drive).** We received a letter from the developer/community of Holliston Woods requesting us to install a sign asking people to not walk, wander, park or bike through their neighborhood. We will check on current sign there or what FOT has for signs. \*\*Current sign says: "Private Property".
5. **Letter of Support for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP).** Vote to issue a support for the letter with Ken Henderson motion and Mark Kaplan seconded. Vote in favor of the motion 6-0.
6. **Blair Square Kiosk:** The Blair Sq. committee wants us to review the new kiosk sign at Blair Sq. The sign is a new tri-panel design in which we need dimensions. Current kiosk from Blair Sq. could be used for sign at Mayflower parking or Solect parking Location.
7. **Mayflower Landing Parking.** A parking lot is still in the plans for up to 8 spaces on the North Side of the street past the Trail.
8. **MAPC Placemaking Advisory Group Representative.** Need a volunteer to join the group. Martha Ellis agreed to be designee.
9. **Scout Projects.** Robert Weidknecht has designated a spot for a Kiosk at the Solect parking area to be constructed by Scout Mihir Kodali.
10. **East Coast Greenway.** Robert Weidknecht submitted paperwork to be included in the East Coast Greenway project. Still awaiting paperwork and approval from Milford and Sherborn.
11. **56 Lowland St. Plantings.** Buffer plantings bid sent out. Received bids from Ahronian and Stucci Landscaping. Table a decision until the next meeting as to when to go forward. Marc Connelly will check with Herb Brockert to approximate the timetable as to plant now or in the Fall. Mark Kaplan moved to authorize tree purchases up to \$5,000 for the project. Bud Schmitt seconded. Vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-1.
12. **Trail Conditions.** Phipps tunnel we are still awaiting contractor to repair the walls leading up to the tunnel. Landscape Improvements to be removed from list as it is determined to be a low

priority at this time. There are several other major projects that are more important than beautification of the trail entrances.

13. **FOT Trail Run.** Scheduled for Saturday June 3rd
14. **Next Meeting Date.** Set for Wednesday May 24th.
15. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to Adjourn by Bud Schmitt, seconded by Marc Connelly. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chair