

## HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM (Hybrid Participation)

ISSUE DATE: September 27, 2023

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

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. **Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0.
2. **Public Comment:** A letter from the MAPC to request the use of the Upper Charles Rail Trail Logo. Our current logo currently used by Holliston and Milford Rail Trails was purchased by us and we have the "rights" to the logo. We were happy to approve this request. Herb Brockert moved to approve the request by MAPC. Ken Henderson seconded. Motion was approved 6-0.
3. **Crosswalk Painting.** Students from the Robert Adams School requested an approval from our committee to decorate all of the cross walks on the Rail Trail (11) in Rainbow color stripes in support of LGBTQ community. We approved with the caveat that this request gets final approval by the Select Board with the help of DPW. Mark Kaplan moved to approve and forward to the Select Board. Herb Brockert seconded the motion. Motion was approved 6-0.

4. **Friends Fun Run.** A letter from the Friends of Holliston Trails to request for any help from us for their upcoming Fun Run on June 3rd. Several members were considering it.
5. **Invoices:** Received an invoice from Go Tree for tree work done on the trail for \$3,200 from the Maintenance account. Tree work was done East of South St. at a neighbor's request. Herb Brockert moved to approve payment to be paid from Maintenance account. Ken Henderson seconded. Motion approved 6-0.
6. **Mathworks Volunteer Project.** Project is proposed by Mathworks to install mulch at various trailheads for Friday May 26th. Robert seeks Trail Committee volunteers to assist with setup of the Mathworks volunteers. Both Robert Weidknecht and Ken Henderson volunteered.
7. **Envisioning Future Holliston** continues to request our input. Please take the online survey.
8. **Blair Square Committee** is planning an event to celebrate the new park at Blair Square- no speeches, just a celebration. Date is to be determined, perhaps late August.
9. **Picnic Table Donation.** Potential donor of picnic tables was raised through Phil Gibson. We agreed on two spots for potential table location. One is where the exercise area is off Woodland, the second is closer to Church St on the East side where the wall curves out. Also agreed to match the existing picnic tables design on the Trail. We requested detail of the proposed picnic table before the Committee makes a final decision.
10. **Kiosk by Solect Parking area.** Eagle Scout candidate Mahir Kodali is planning to soon install a kiosk near the Solect Solar facility access and parking area.
11. **East Coast Greenway** participation has been approved by the Select Board for the Holliston section of the Trail to join the Greenway system.
12. **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT).** At a recent Metrowest Greenway Coalition meeting, a representative of MASS DOT said that the state has given number one priority to extend the Upper Charles Trail through Sherborn and into Framingham.
13. **56 Lowland St. Plantings.** Herb Brockert has checked into several types of trees to be used for this project. He is narrowing the selection down to several species including Arborvitae, Emerald Green and Cedars. Recommendations from Mark Ahronian is to plant in the fall and go with Deer resistant trees. Herb Brockert was checking to see if it was possible to order now and have delivery in September or October. Herb will follow up.
14. **Cross St. Signage.** Signs and Cross Walk were installed by Holliston DPW.
15. **Phipps Tunnel.** We are still awaiting the consultant to start the engineering work for the repairs at the tunnel.
16. **Tree Maintenance.** We will check to see how much we have left in the Gift Account for needed tree work.
17. **Next Meeting Date.** Set for June 22, 2023.
18. **Motion to Adjourn.** Herb Brockert motioned to adjourn. Ken Henderson seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RW', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Robert Weidknecht – Chair