

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 18, 2014

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Matt Varrell

GUESTS: Bobby Blair, Tina Hein

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Jay Leary, Board of Selectmen
Beth Liberty, Finance Committee
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Invoices:

a. Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz & Haranas. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment for legal services in connection with the acquisition of property from CSX in the amount of \$247.50 to Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz & Haranas, to be paid from the CPA account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

b. Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz & Haranas. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment for legal services in connection with the acquisition of property from CSX in the amount of \$206.25 to Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz & Haranas, to be paid from the CPA account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2014 Meeting.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.

3. **HPD Bike Patrols.** Robert Weidknecht will provide to Officer Matt Stone a proposed schedule of hours and key locations for the Holliston Police Department to patrol the trail by bicycle.
4. **Public Comment.** Tina Hein, an abutter on Union Street, wished to share some observations regarding the behavior of some trail users in the Downtown area between Blair Square and Arch Street. While Ms. Hein is very supportive of the trail, she reported that some users have not been respectful of the homes abutting this portion of the trail. She has experienced trail users and unleashed dogs walking through her property. She has heard yelling and noise on the trail. Ms. Hein noted that the elevation of the trail in this area is higher than abutting properties, and as a result voices carry and create a disturbance. In addition, she noted that some trail users gain access to the trail by climbing the hill at a corner of the Arch Street Bridge which is next to her property. A discussion followed, during which the Trails Committee agreed to post signs in the area asking users to be respectful of neighboring properties and block access to the trail from the corner of the Arch Street Bridge next to her property.
5. **Grant Status –**
 - (a) **DCR 2012.** Robert Weidknecht will work on reimbursements, which are due July 1, 2014.
 - (b) **DCR 2014.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Committee may not need the full grant to improve the section of the trail between Cross Street and Hopping Brook Road due to the work Herb Brockert has recently done in the Chestnut Street area.
 - (c) **PARC Grant.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the grant application has been substantially completed and needs to be reviewed by town officials and signed by the Parks Commissioner.
6. **Keefe Tech—Handrails at Exchange Street.** Ken Henderson reported that there has not been much progress at Keefe Tech in connection with this project since the last meeting. Robert Weidknecht reported that he has found a structural engineer who has volunteered to provide design services for the handrails.
7. **Middle School Trails Cleanup.** Ken Henderson and Marc Connelly will coordinate on the details of this cleanup service project, scheduled for June 3, 2014.
8. **Bridge East of Hopping Brook Road – Potential Project.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he obtained an estimate of \$18,000 to install a five foot wide steel plate single path

bridge with handrails. The Committee does not have the funds to proceed with this project and will continue to consider alternative approaches.

9. **Solar Farm – Hopping Brook Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that it is anticipated that construction of the solar farm will commence in June, and that hopefully the trails parking lot and connector trail donated by the solar farm will be completed by the fall.
10. **Bike Rack Donation – Location/Selection.** Celebrate Holliston will purchase a bike rack to be installed at Blair Square in memory of Emilee Gagnon. Ken Henderson reported that he provided examples of potential bike rack designs to the Gagnons, who will review and provide feedback.
11. **Stonemasonry Donation.** PJ Kilkelly has volunteered to donate and build several field stone walls and piers to beautify portions of the trail. Members of the Committee will meet with Mr. Kilkelly on Saturday, May 17, 2014 to view potential locations at trail heads and Blair Square.
12. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2014 at 7 p.m.
13. **Meeting Adjournment.** Marc Connelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman