

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: March 18, 2015

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

ABSENT
VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly and Matt Varrell

GUESTS: Bobby Blair
Aidan O'Sullivan

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2015 Meeting.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-0.
- 2. Scout/Honor Projects.**
 - a. Aidan O'Sullivan – Mile Marker Posts. Aidan O'Sullivan discussed his Eagle Scout project to install mile markers along the Trail. Aidan will continue the granite railroad mile marker system, starting at the 26 mile mark in Holliston. Aidan will install markers every half mile from Church Street to the Milford line. Aidan will also install a Welcome to Holliston sign at the Milford town line and seek donations for his project. Aidan hopes to complete the project by end of summer.
- 3. Way Finding.** Robert Weidknecht reported Mary Greendale was looking for volunteers to participate in a town study of a Massachusetts Peer to Peer Service for Way Finding, which would involve establishing unified signage throughout Holliston for local business,

services and places of interest.

4. Acquisition.

a. Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road. CSX has revised the terms of the purchase and sale agreement to raise the insurance limits which must be carried by contractors involved with the purchase of the rail bed from \$3 million to \$5 million. This may result in increased construction costs. The purchase and sale agreement is with the Board of Selectmen for review.

b. Church Street to Sherborn Line. Due to uncertainty over the status of the Transportation Bond Bill, acquisition of this portion of the Trail is on hold.

5. Blair Square Design Study. Ken Henderson presented the survey of Blair Square that has been prepared by GLM Engineering. Parking and street flow issues were not part of the survey and will still need to be addressed. Robert Weidknecht will seek a volunteer to organize a charrette to seek public input into the design and features of the Square.

6. HPD ATV Patrols. Robert Weidknecht reported that Lt. Denman was seeking funds to acquire an ATV to patrol the Trail and other town properties. A discussion followed, during which a number of concerns were raised relating to possible damage to the stone dust surface and the disruption of Trail users' enjoyment of the Trail by a motorized vehicle, which would otherwise be prohibited. The Trails Committee agreed to further discuss the use of an ATV on the Trail.

7. Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 at 7 p.m.

8. Meeting Adjournment. Mark Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman