

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: November 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: December 16, 2015

**PRESENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis, Mark Kaplan and Robert Weidknecht

**ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Ken Henderson

**GUESTS:**

Bobby Blair  
Ed Daniels

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Public Comment.** Bobby Blair informed the Committee that an artist's rendition of a proposed design for a veteran's memorial at Blair Square is in development. The proposal will include an arch being constructed directly over the Trail. A discussion followed. Ed Daniels requested that any proposal be submitted to the "Friends of" group, the next meeting of which is scheduled for December 1, 2015 at 7 p.m. Ed also requested that the Friends of group would like to take photographs of the pending installation of the Summer Street crossing signals in connection with fundraising efforts. Ed reported that a First Night event is being planned, as well as a 5 mile Trail run on June 12, 2016.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining. Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote in favor

of the motion was 4-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining. Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee - Executive Session. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining.

**3. Invoices.**

- a. Holliston Highway Department. Marc Connelly moved to reimburse Holliston True Value Hardware for the purchase of materials from for the railings on the Arch Street and Exchange Street Bridges in the amount of up to \$402.85, to be payable from the Gift Account. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- b. RG Welding & Repair. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment for the welding of brackets on the Exchange Street Bridge in the amount of \$350 to RG Welding & Repair. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

**4. Annual Report.** Robert Weidknecht provided a draft of the 2015 Annual Report. A discussion followed. Marc Connelly moved to accept the Annual Report as revised. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.

**5. Environment Testing.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Board of Selectmen have approved the contract for environmental testing for the acquisition of the section of the Trail from Church Street to the Sherborn town line. Testing should be completed within a month.

**6. Acquisition-Church Street to Sherborn Town Line.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Board of Selectmen have made an offer to CSX for the acquisition of the section of the Trail from Church Street to the Sherborn town line.

**7. Solect Solar-Construction Status.** Herb Brockert reported that the Clerk of the Works has not submitted an invoice for his services. A few items remain to be completed by Solect.

**8. Pulte Homes Status.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Pulte Homes is working on drainage issues at their site. The Trails Committee discussed the possibility of Pulte Homes building approximately 400 feet of the Trail in the gap between their construction site and the bridge built by Solect, with the cost of construction deducted from the negotiated \$15,000 cash payment Pulte Homes owes to the Town.

**9. Trail Surface-Cross to Summer.** Herb Brockert has tentatively scheduled installation of the stone dust surface between Cross Street and Summer Street for December 2 and 3, 2015. Members of the Trails Committee will do final preparation of the surface (leaf blowing, large rock removal) this Saturday, November 24, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

10. **Railings for Exchange Street.** Herb Brockert reported that the railings for the Exchange Street Bridge were installed on Saturday, November 19, 2015. Posts need to be installed on the approaches to the bridge to complete the project.
11. **Cleanup-MathWorks-Brook Street Northerly.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a small group of MathWorks volunteers completed a cleanup project on the Trail north of Brook Street on Saturday, November 19, 2015. MathWorks plans to schedule another clean up next Spring.
12. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2015 at 7 p.m.
13. **Meeting Adjournment.** Martha Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman