

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: July 31, 2016

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

ABSENT
VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly

GUESTS: Bobby Blair

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. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
2. **Invoices.**
 - a. Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz and Haranas. Ken Henderson moved to reimburse Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz and Haranas for work on the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the section of the Trail between Church Street and the Sherborn town line in the amount of \$82.50, to be payable from the CPC 2015 Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
3. **Status on Goals from 2015/ Set Goals for 2016.** Robert Weidknecht proposed adding an access path to the new Community Center with the assistance of the Highway Department to the list of 2016 goals. The Trails Committee unanimously agreed on the addition.
4. **First Night Follow-up.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the First Night event was a great success and highly attended.

5. **Acquisition-Church Street to Sherborn Town Line.** Robert Weidknecht reported that CSX has accepted the Town's offering price for the section of the Trail between Church Street and the Sherborn town line. Two issues remain. First, the Mass. Department of Transportation must prepare a contract in connection with releasing the Transportation Bond Bill funds which will be used to purchase this section of the Trail. Second, a small discrepancy in the square footage of an area of the Trail to be acquired needs to be resolved.
6. **Environment Testing Results.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the environmental testing report for the acquisition of the section of the Trail from Church Street to the Sherborn town line has been received, and the results were acceptable. Arsenic and lead in the soil will be capped.
7. **Trail Surface-Summer to Chestnut.** The stone dust surface for this section of the Trail will be installed this coming spring.
8. **Railings/Decking for Arch Street.** Herb Brockert reported that he is still working on the posts for the approaches to the Arch Street Bridge.
9. **Railings for Exchange Street.** This project will be completed this coming spring.
10. **Tie Removal-Republic Services.** The pile of railroad ties at South Street will be removed in February weather permitting, or this coming spring.
11. **Recreational Trail Grant Amendment 2014.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has submitted an amendment to use the remaining funds from this grant for construction between Summer Street and Pulte Homes, and then between Central Street and the Sherborn town line. Robert also reported that he applied for a 2016 \$50,000 grant. Robert also reported that he discussed the Safe Routes to School program with the school Superintendent, which would require the installation of a crosswalk near Holliston Oil on Woodland Street.
12. **Bogastow Brook Viaduct.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a plan for capping the 8-Arch Bridge would need to be developed prior to filing a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. The Committee also discussed the appearance of the proposed railings for the Eight-Arch Bridge. The Committee unanimously approved of the design but a member noted that the 8-Arch Bridge Restoration Committee may also wish to consider routing the Trail around the 8-Arch Bridge to avoid the need for installing railings and thereby preserving its architectural integrity, given its historical aspects and the fact that it has never had railings of any kind.

13. **Blair Square Sign.** Mark Kaplan will contact the owners of the two Mill buildings on Water Street to see if there is interest in leasing the sign at Blair Square.
14. **Survey at Church Street.** Herb Brockert will contact GLM to see if they have made progress on the survey of the section of the Trail behind Casey's.
15. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2016 at 7 p.m.
16. **Meeting Adjournment.** Mark Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman