

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: July 27, 2016

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Robert Weidknecht, and Bud Schmitt

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan and Marc Connelly

GUESTS: Ed Daniels, Friends of Holliston Trails
Bobby Blair

PREPARED BY: Robert Weidknecht

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.** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Herb Brockert, voted 4-0-1, with Bud Schmitt abstaining. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee, was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Herb Brockert, voted 3-0-2, with Ken Henderson and Bud Schmitt abstaining. A motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Herb Brockert, voted 3-0-2, with Ken Henderson and Bud Schmitt abstaining.
2. **Invoices.** Friends of Holliston Trails requested review of an invoice from Construction Services Corporation, dated June 3, 2016, in the amount of \$11,700 for services and equipment for grading and gravel installation for the section of trail between Summer Street and the Bridge east of Hopping Brook Road. A motion to approve the invoice as submitted, to be paid by Friends of Holliston Trails, was made by Ken Henderson,

seconded by Bud Schmitt, voted 4-0-1, with Herb Brockert abstaining. A motion to approve the invoice from PermaLine for “No Motorized Vehicle” signage, dated June 1, 2016, in the amount of \$276.85, to be paid by DCR Recreational Trails Grant 2012, was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Martha Ellis, and voted unanimously. A motion to approve the invoice from True Value for hardware for the Exchange Street bridge railings, dated May 20, 2016, in the amount of \$34.99, to be paid by DCR Recreational Trails Grant 2012, was made by Bud Schmitt, seconded by Ken Henderson, and voted unanimously. A motion to approve the invoice from True Value for hardware for the Exchange Street bridge railings, dated May 20, 2016, in the amount of \$25.88, to be paid by DCR Recreational Trails Grant 2012, was made by Bud Schmitt, seconded by Ken Henderson, voted unanimously.

3. **Friends of Holliston Trails.** Ed Daniels reported that there is a significant amount of funding available for trail construction, safety features, or other purposes and is seeking priorities for use of funds. Priorities discussed included: additional rapid flashing beacons at Hopping Brook Road and South Street intersections; potential portable toilet facilities; additional pet waste facilities. Ed Daniels discussed a concern that the pet waste stations are being collected by Jimmy Read who is donating the services to collect and dispose of the waste. The issue is that since there are no trash receptacles, and the dog waste bins are being filled with other trash. Discussion was made on having the Town provide trash facilities and waste removal for this linear park. Ed Daniels reported on the Blair Square master planning concept. Various facilities and activities were considered and prioritized. The concept plan was prepared and presented to the Veterans’ group. The group is looking for a different approach to the design for the Veterans’ area and monuments.
4. **8-Arch Bridge Status.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Mary Greendale is leading the structural services to design the bridge restoration and railing system. The structural report was recently completed. A vegetation management plan was prepared, pro bono, by Barbara Keene Briggs of Tree Specialists. The plan and design information will be submitted to the Conservation Commission in a Notice of Intent for approval.
5. **Eagle Scout Projects.** Aidan O’Sullivan completed the installation of mile markers along the Trail from Woodland Street to the Milford Town Line. Aidan offered to install a post for a sign for “Entering Holliston.” Ken Henderson will reach out to Tom Smith of the Highway Department to find out the details and ordering information for this type of sign. Jamie Ogilvie is planning to install posts and frames for the Friends of the Library Story-

Walk Trail between Cross Street and the entrance to Wenakeening Woods Conservation Land. James Hathaway is considering a project that may incorporate carpentry skills. Ben Capello is planning to do a trail cutting on a section of the Trail.

6. **National Honor Society Project.** Eamonn Powers is planning a project to improve brown trout habitat near the 8-arch bridge and removal of invasives.
7. **Acquisition.** Robert Weidknecht reported that CSX has accepted the revised offer on the final section of the Trail between Church Street and the Sherborn Town Line, a 2.5 mile section. The Town will soon own the entire right of way in the coming months.
8. **Drainage Improvements.** Herb Brockert reported that Pulte Homes has noted that the temporary drainage basins were removed and that the need for underdrains on the Trail downgradient of the permanent basins will be reviewed in the future. Pulte has committed to installing the improvements, if required, and also if required, after the stone dust is installed. The drainage repair near the Milford boundary is a lower priority. Herb will contact Cote Automotive to determine the approach to dealing with the roof drainage discharging to the rail surface near Chestnut Street. This will need to be completed prior to stone dust installation
9. **Railings.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the approaches and bridge railings at Exchange Street were recently completed by volunteers. The approaches to Arch Street Bridge was planned to be installed in the coming month.
10. **DCR Recreational Trails Grant 2012.** A status report for the grant and end of fiscal year report is due. Robert Weidknecht will prepare the necessary documents.
11. **Doppelt Grant.** The Town of Holliston was not awarded funding under this grant program.
12. **Cross Street Intersection.** Bud Schmitt reported that he is interested in designing and installing landscape improvements at the Cross Street intersection. He plans to install the improvements in the fall.
13. **Pulte Gravel Surface.** Herb Brockert reported that the rise to the Pulte intersection was too steep and not done well. He installed additional gravel material to improve the conditions. Herb Brockert also noted that curbing was installed at the Trail crossing, making the installation of the stone dust more difficult. He had attempted to have them hold off the curbing installation.
14. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting date was set to July 27, 2016.
15. **Motion Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Bud Schmitt, and voted unanimously at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RW', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Robert Weidknecht – Chairman