

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2016 at 7:00pm, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: December 7, 2016

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Robert Weidknecht, Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, Marc Connelly, Bud Schmitt, (Ken Henderson arrived late)

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan

GUESTS: Bobby Blair, Ed Daniels, Friends of Holliston Trails and Rob Wolff from Sherborn.

PREPARED BY: Bud Schmitt

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 Minutes from previous Meeting of September 1, 2016.** Motion to Approve minutes from prior 9/1/2016 meeting made by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Approved 5-0.
- 2) **Funding.** Rob Wolff of Sherborn inquired about funding for the Natick-Cochituate Rail Trail. Discussion about where and how to do funding. How we are doing funding, approvals and organization.
- 3) **Invoices:**
 - Invoice for Kimball Sand Co, Inc. for \$5,202.16 for Stone Dust for the trail from Summer Street to the Milford Line. To be paid for from a DCR Grant 2012. Motion to approve the invoice as submitted by Herb Brockert, seconded by Marc Connelly. Motion approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for Kimball Sand Co, Inc for \$4,577.55 for Stone Dust for the trail from Summer St to Milford Line. To be paid for from DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve the invoice as presented by Herb Brockert, seconded by Marc Connelly. Motion Approved 5-0.

- Invoice for Medway Lumber and Home Supply for \$1,770.00 for decking wood (30; 16Ft.planks of 3X10)for Arch St. Bridge. Invoice to be paid with DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Marc Connelly. Motion approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for Medway Lumber and home Supply for \$310.09 for additional wood and supplies for the Arch St Bridge re-decking. Invoice to be paid for by DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Motion approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for George D.H. Tuttle Trucking for \$1,800.00 for trucking and services for completion of stone dust on trail from Summer St to Milford Line. To be paid from DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Motion approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for MJ Tuttle for \$3,250.00 for services related to finish of Rail trail from Summer St to Milford line. To be paid for with DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Motion approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for MJ Tuttle for \$3,250.00 for services related to finish surface of rail trail from Summer St to Milford line. To be paid from DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for GAITA Equipment Inc. for \$1,250.00 for use of equipment for grading of the trail from Summer St to Milford line. To be paid from DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Approved 5-0.
 - Invoice for Construction Services for \$2,300.00 for use of Backhoe/ Excavator equipment in completion of trail from Summer St to Milford line. To be paid from Friends of Holliston Fund. Motion to approve by Martha Ellis, seconded by Marc Connelly. Approved 4-0-1, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
 - Invoice from Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz and Haranas, LLP for \$1,172.50 for legal fees associated with the closing of the final portion of the rail trail to the Sherborn line. To be paid for from the CPC Funds. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Approved 5-0.
 - Invoice from Perma-Line Corp. for \$119.90 for signs for trail. "Welcome to Holliston" sign. To be paid for with DCR Grant 2014. Motion to approve by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis. Approved 5-0.
- 4) **Discussion on the 8 Arch Bridge (Bogastow Brook Viaduct).** Meeting from September 26, 2016 regarding how to proceed with the repair, preservation, and approval to utilize the bridge for community use. Discussed best options for restoring bridge. Best suggestion was to hire outside firm to do job completely including permitting, approvals, construction and completion.
- 5) **Celebrate Holliston.** Discussion by Ed Daniels of Friends of Holliston Trails spoke about the success of the Celebrate Holliston booth at fair. Received great reception,

Bike attraction to Smoothie Blender was strong, great response. HTC Booth was also very well attended with many residents coming to booth to inquire about completion, compliments about the trail, and overall access and parking. Biggest question was regarding "When will you Pave the trail?" Answer was at this moment we are using Stone dust for Trail and we feel it is best. Great venue for public comment and support!

- 6) **Summer Street Signal.** A major discussion about the installation of the Flashing Lights at Summer St. Apparently, the additional 2 flashing bars were not installed by the Holliston Highway Dept. It is not known if the shipment was missing the bars or the bars were misplaced. Friends of Holliston Trails were not happy about the missing lights at a replacement cost of over \$860.00. Discussion and proposal to add 2 New Buttons and 2 New Flashing Lights (replace missing lights) to the Summer Street crossing, plus add advance warning signage. Motion to replace lights and add new push buttons at Summer St. forwarded by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis, approved 6-0.
- 7) **Central Street Crossing.** Discussion about the crossing at Central St. Decision to temporarily leave the crosswalk at its current location because we do not have a final plan for the Trail improvements behind Casey's Depot. Robert will design Flashing Lights for this crossing in the future.
- 8) **Trail Work.** Next two Saturdays of October 15 & 22 will be dedicated to finishing the decking on the Arch St. Bridge. Need at least 5 volunteers to meet first at the Holliston Town Garage to prepare and cut wood for decking. Second Saturday will be for installation on decking.
- 9) **Public Comment.** Public comment at end of meeting by Bobby Blair to see about putting up window boxes on the bridge railings for Arch St. and Exchange St bridges. Committee liked the idea. Bobby will coordinate boxes with Herb.

Next Meeting Date is Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by Herb Brockert, seconded by Martha Ellis and voted unanimously at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Holliston Trails Committee