

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: December 7, 2016

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly

### **GUESTS:**

Bobby Blair  
Ed Daniels  
Doug Hathaway  
James Hathaway  
Aaron Schachter  
Rob Wolff

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. James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project.** James Hathaway presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to build a staircase on the northeast side of the Arch Street Bridge out of railroad ties. The staircase will include a runner for bikes to be walked up to the Trail. A discussion followed, during which the Trails Committee approved the project. The Trails Committee will provide construction materials, but James may do some fundraising to offset the cost. Bud Schmitt will supervise the project. James' next step is to gain approval of the project from the BSA. He hopes to begin the project in November or next Spring.
- 2. Friends of Holliston Trails.** Ed Daniels introduced Aaron Schacter as the incoming Secretary of the "Friends of" group. Ed and Aaron presented the Trails Committee with a check for \$11,700 to be used for trail improvements. Ed reported that two new pet waste

stations would be installed at Blair Square and Hopping Brook Road. Jimmy Reed of R&R Landscaping has volunteered to maintain these stations and will periodically collect and dispose of the waste. In addition, a crossing signal has been approved for Hopping Brook Road, and funds have been allocated for bollards to be installed at South Street, Hopping Brook Road, Chestnut Street and Summer Street. The style of bollard is yet to be determined. The Trails Committee thanked Ed and Aaron for the “Friends of” group’s continued support.

3. **Sherborn Trail Developments.** Rob Wolff reported that an access point to the trail in Sherborn has been approved at Whitney Street.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-1, with Mark Kaplan abstaining.
5. **8-Arch Bridge Status.** Robert Weidknecht informed the Trails Committee that Mary Greendale is moving forward on a proposal to renovate the 8-Arch Bridge. She plans to issue an RFP in August and request CPC funding at Fall Town Meeting. The project will require approval of the Conservation Commission. Mary hopes that construction will begin in Spring 2017.
6. **Acquisition - Church Street to Sherborn Town Line.** Robert Weidknecht reported that there has been a delay in acquiring the section of the Trail from Church Street to the Sherborn town line and the sale is now scheduled to close next Thursday.
7. **Trail Surface - Stone Dust Installation Planning - Summer Street to Hopping Brook Bridge.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the stone dust surface would be installed on the section of the trail from Summer Street to Hopping Brook Bridge in September or October. The Trails Committee discussed the need to prepare for the installation by clearing this section of weeds and poison ivy.
8. **Rapid Flashing Beacon Design - Hopping Brook Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has prepared a design for the rapid flashing beacon to be installed at Hopping Brook Road. The “Friends of” group will provide funding.
9. **Railings/Decking for Arch Street.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a project to install the vertical balusters on the Arch Street Bridge is scheduled for this Saturday at 8 a.m.
10. **Trail Improvements Near Casey’s Pub.** Robert Weidknecht led a discussion about potential safety improvements on the section of trail that will be soon be acquired behind

Casey's Pub. A 470-foot (approximate) barrier needs to be installed between the trail and the parking lot for Casey's Pub. Several designs were considered. It is anticipated that jersey barriers will be used as a temporary solution. Ken Henderson will notify John McCarthy of these plans.

**11. Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on September 1, 2016 at 7 p.m.

**12. 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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chairman