

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

ISSUE DATE: January 18, 2017

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis and Bud Schmitt

GUESTS: Pam Kyrka

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.**

- a. Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-0.
- b. Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-0, with Mark Kaplan abstaining.
- c. Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-0.

**2. Invoices.**

- a. Permaline. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Permaline for signage at Summer and Lowland Streets in the amount of \$1,395.70, to be payable from the October 2016 Town Meeting Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

3. **Doppelt Grant Application.** Robert Weidknecht asked if the Trails Committee should apply for the Doppelt Grant, which is awarded through the Rails to Trails Conservancy, this year. Mark Kaplan said he thought it was unlikely that the Committee would receive a reward, but he may submit an application.
4. **Maintenance Equipment.** Ken Henderson raised as a discussion item the use of Committee members' personal equipment to maintain the Trail. After discussion, Ken said he would present to Jeff Ritter a proposal to obtain a golf cart and maintenance equipment through the Town of Holliston for use on the Trail.
5. **DCR Recreational Trails Grant Application.** After discussion, Robert Weidknecht said that he would apply for another \$50,000 grant through the DCR.
6. **8-Arch Bridge Status -Establishment of Committee.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he hasn't heard from the Board of Selectmen on the status of the committee to renovate the 8-Arch Bridge, but that Mary Greendale has asked Herb Brockert to contact Jeff Ritter regarding participation on that committee. The Committee discussed the need for warning safety signs at 8-Arch Bridge for when that section of the Trail is completed. Herb Brockert said he would draft disclosures for the signage.
7. **Eamonn Powers, National Honor Society Project - Brown Trout Improvements and Invasives Removal.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he hasn't heard from the Conservation Commission agent, who was reviewing how impact of invasives removal would impact brown trout. Ken Henderson will touch base with Eamonn on the status of this project.
8. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project - Arch Street Bridge Connection.** Mark Kaplan will ask Bud Schmitt to look into the status of this project.
9. **Jamie Ogilvie, Eagle Scout Project - Story Walk Trail - Completed.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Jamie's Story Walk Trail project has been successfully completed. He has asked Mary Greendale to provide historical information to be displayed for when the Town library is not using it. Herb Brockert will also reach out to Joan Hulbert for material.
10. **Deloitte - Corporate Project on the Trail.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Deloitte would like to do a project on the Trail. A cleanup project on the section of the Trail between Washington Street and Mayflower Landing may be appropriate.
11. **Drainage Improvements - Pulte Area.** Herb Brockert reported that Pulte has not yet made the necessary drainage improvements. He also reported that Pulte has made the contractually required \$14,000 payment to the "Friends of" group.
12. **Trail Surface - Church Street Northerly.** Robert Weidknecht noted that improvements will begin next Spring.

- 13. Gift Account.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Gift Account still has approximately \$2,400 available for use.
- 14. Tie Removal - Republic Services.** Robert Weidknecht reported that his contact at Republic Services has not yet determined how Republic would dispose of the pile of railroad ties, which it had volunteered to do at no cost. Herb Brockert indicated that he may seek to arrange private disposal of the ties for a fee.
- 15. Events - Clark University - Access Via Trail to ACOE Land Near Hopping Brook.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he hasn't heard back from Clark University on their request for permission to install monitoring wells near Hopping Brook.
- 16. DCR 2012 Grant - Final Request for Reimbursement Due 12.31.16.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has submitted a request for final reimbursement, with one outstanding item remaining.
- 17. DCR 2014 Grant - Amend for Section to Sherborn Line.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has submitted the amendment.
- 18. Leaf Removal at Phipps Tunnel Prior to First Night Event.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Highway Department would remove the leaves that had recently been raked out of the drainage ditches.
- 19. Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 at 7 p.m.
- 20. Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman