

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: April 27, 2017

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis

GUESTS:

Bobby Blair
Charlie Paradie
Harrison Smith

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Jay Marsden, Board of Selectmen
Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Harrison Smith, Eagle Scout Project.** Harrison Smith presented his proposed Eagle Scout project, which involves a cleanup project on the trail between Mayflower Landing and Washington Streets. The project will include cutting branches overhanging the trail, removing brush piles and widening the trail for truck access. A discussion followed. Harrison hopes to perform the project this Spring.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Marc Connelly moved to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
3. **Request for Determination of Applicability - Plans Needed.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has submitted the required filing with the Conservation Commission for trail construction between Church Street and the Sherborn town line.
4. **8-Arch Bridge Status.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a request for CPC funding in the amount of \$590,000 to restore the 8-Arch Bridge will be presented at Spring town meeting.

The funds will be used to install a new cap and railings. Robert has also submitted a Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission for this project in connection with his work on the 8-Arch Bridge Committee.

5. **Eamonn Powers, National Honor Society Project - Brown Trout Improvements and Invasives Removal.** Ken Henderson reported that Eamonn has encountered several hurdles that have caused him to cancel his project.
6. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project - possible railing project.** Bud Schmitt reported that James is willing to install railings by the stream near the kiosk between Cross and Summer Streets.
7. **Erica Foster, Girl Scout Project.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Erica Foster would like to lead a project involving beautification of the entrance to the trail at Cross Street.
8. **Deloitte- Corporate Project on the Trail, June 9, 2017.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Deloitte will do a cleanup project between Hopping Brook and South Streets.
9. **Trail Surface -**
 - a. **Pulte Area.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the trail near the Pulte subdivision is wet. The Trails Committee discussed potential solutions to this drainage problem, including flat-panel drains. Herb Brockert will look into this potential solution and will reach out to his contacts at Pulte again. Pulte has not been responsive to this ongoing situation.
 - b. **Barriers Near Casey's.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Dennis Ferreira, a volunteer on the 8-Arch Bridge Committee, has access to jersey barriers that could be obtained free of charge other than the cost of delivery (\$500 per load of 12 barriers). Robert will review this solution with the Board of Selectmen.
10. **Public Comment.** Bobby Blair reported that Celebrate Holliston may donate a caboose to be installed at Blair Square. Installation would include a leaching field for a bathroom inside the caboose.
11. **Environmental Bond Bill - Request for Information.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Senator Karen Spilka is seeking additional funding for the Trail, and that he has provided required information to her in connection with this funding request.
12. **Maintenance Equipment.** Ken Henderson reported that he will bring the request for funding of maintenance equipment to the Board of Selectmen for their review.
13. **DCR 2014 - Final Date Extended to December 2017.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Trails Committee has until the end of the year to spend down the remaining \$33,000 in the DCR 2014 account.

14. **Street Milling.** Herb Brockert reported that the Highway Department will commence street milling on May 8, 2017 in preparation for street paving on May 21, 2017, and that the Trails Committee can use the millings for trail construction from Church Street to the Sherborn town line. A discussion followed, during which it was agreed that the material could be used between Lowland and Washington Streets since this area is outside of the water supply district. Use of the material would result in a savings of approximately \$12,000 that would otherwise be expended to purchase gravel as the base layer for this section of the trail. (Editor's note: upon further discussion with DEP and Conservation Commission, the area to be restricted (no reclaimed asphalt) is between Mayflower Landing and the stream north of the Brook Street Well).
15. **Whistle Stops.** Bud Schmitt reported that he would like to paint the whistle stops along the trail in their original color configurations, with white tops and lettering in black.
16. **8-Arch Bridge Warning Signs.** Bud Schmitt will install the warning signs that have been obtained for the 8-Arch Bridge.
17. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.
18. **Meeting Adjournment.** Marc Connelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman