

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: October 11, 2017

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Herb Brockert, and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan and Bud Schmitt

GUESTS: Anita Kite and Zack Armes
Christian Buday
Bobby Blair

PREPARED BY: Robert Weidknecht

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
2. **Sign at Blair Square.** The owner of the mill building no longer wishes to lease the sign at Blair Square. Bobby Blair presented an idea to replace the current sign with directional distances for Trail users. The sign is considered temporary until the master plan is completed and improvements installed. Marc Connelly moved to approve the concept for the temporary sign at Blair Square as presented, Herb Brockert seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0-1, in favor of the motion, with Ken Henderson abstaining due to late arrival, prior to the discussion.
3. **Public Art/ Sharing Wall.** Anita Kite presented an idea for public art and sharing/memory wall modeled after the Ted Talk program by Candy Chang. It may take the format of a changing wall/ chalk board placed on an appropriate section of the Trail. Ideas such as

allowing trail users to post meaningful thoughts or memories of people or locations. Another example “Before I die I want to _____” or “My best memory of Holliston is _____.” allowing users to post their thoughts. Ideas for the location of the wall include the area of the former building at Cross Street. Material selection and construction will be discussed with theatre groups and their set designers. Other logistics include repainting to cover unwanted graffiti, documenting/archiving the postings, and changing out the theme. Artwork may include scenes from Holliston or historical images. The Committee provided positive feedback for the idea. Anita Kite will seek help for the logistics from theatre groups.

4. Invoices

- a)** American Recycled Materials, Inc. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$270.00, dated May 26, 2017, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- b)** American Recycled Materials, Inc. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$1980.00, dated June 2, 2017, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- c)** American Recycled Materials, Inc. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$90.00, dated June 10, 2017, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- d)** American Recycled Materials, Inc. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$180.00, dated June 16, 2017, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- e)** Anthony Cordani Trucking. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Anthony Cordani Trucking for delivery of gravel used in trail construction in the amount of \$810.00, dated May 31, 2017, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

5. **Potential Crosswalk on Woodland Street.** It was reported that Trail users are crossing Woodland Street near Highland Laboratories to access the Trail. That same area may be need to be used for a crossing to get Trail users to by-pass the 8-Arch Bridge while it is being repaired. The potential for a temporary crosswalk was discussed, however the crossing will need to be located where there is adequate sight distance. Martha will discuss a temporary crosswalk signage and striping with Sean at DPW.
6. **Barriers at Former VFW Building.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the costs of flexible plastic bollards to prevent drivers from the former VFW building will be significant, well over \$2,000- \$7,000. Inexpensive fiberglass wands were discussed as an alternate.
7. **Barriers at Casey's Crossing.** Martha Ellis provided a photograph of a tractor trailer parked in the paved area of the Trail near Church Street. The tractor trailer drove onto the pavement of Depot Liquors and backed to the loading dock on the south side of Church Street. The tractor was blocking portion of Church Street. The design of any temporary or permanent improvements for separating vehicles from Trail users will need to consider if access should be provided to the existing loading dock that is an encroachment on the Trail.
8. **Mathworks.** Mathworks Completed a trail cleanup clearing the ditches near Phipps Tunnel, including portions on the south side of the tunnel.
9. **8-Arch Bridge.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the 8-Arch Bridge Committee has authorized the structural engineer to move forward on the design. The design will take approximately one month and then the project is planned to go out to bid in the fall.
10. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project.** Bud Schmitt was not available to attend the meeting but reported that this project to install railings at the bridge near Wenakeening Woods is planned to be constructed this summer.
11. **Harrison Smith, Eagle Scout Project.** Ken Henderson reported that Harrison Smith completed the trail cleanup work on the section between Washington Street and Mayflower Landing. The group did an excellent job cutting back the vegetation and removing it from site entirely. That section is now ready for gravel installation.
12. **Deloitte Impact Day.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the volunteers from Deloitte did a great job cutting back overhanging (woody) vegetation on the section from Hopping Brook Road to the Milford Line. Additionally, a small group dug the drainage channels near the Milford line to improve the drainage flow. This section has not be maintained since installation of the stone dust in 2012.

13. **Jamie Ogilvie, Naional Honor Society.** Jamie Ogilvie coordinated a number of volunteers for the installation of erosion controls and cutting of vegetation for the proposed construction located north of Church Street.
14. **Pulte Homes.** The 500 foot gap in the Trail located at Pulte Homes development has not yet been completed. This section was anticipated to be completed by fall 2016. Herb Brockert has not heard responses from inquiries to Pulte and their engineer. Drainage improvements are also required to the completed section of the Trail that are being damaged as a result of the groundwater changes associated with the development. Robert Weidknecht will contact Karen Sherman to see if Pulte can accelerate the improvements or if there is any bond money that can be used to complete the section of the Trail.
15. **Surfaces.** Herb Brockert has been coordinating the work on the section from Lowland to Washington Streets and from Church Street to the 8-arch bridge.
16. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2017, 7 p.m.
17. **Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Martha Ellis, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman