

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: October 11, 2017

PRESENT
VOTING MEMBERS: Ken Henderson, Herb Brockert, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT
VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan, Marc Connelly and Martha Ellis

GUESTS: Sandy Turcotte-Lim
Bobby Blair
Aaron Schachter

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. **Public Comment-** Sandy Turcotte-Lim requested approval to sell pre-package popcorn along the rail trail near Blair Square. The scouts from Troop 76 are fundraising. A motion to authorize Troop 76 to sell popcorn at Blair Square in the month of October 2107 was forwarded by Ken Henderson, seconded by Bud Schmitt and voted unanimously 4-0-0.
2. **Parking-** Ken Henderson noted that vehicles are parking along Front Street. He stated that the number of spaces could easily be increased by cutting back some of the overhanging vegetation. Since we are currently planning other work on the Trail in preparation of the installation of the stone dust surfaces, this discussion will be raised at our October meeting.
3. **Blair Square Committee.** Aaron Schachter from the Friends of Holliston Trails Organization attended the meeting to learn about the Blair Square Committee. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Board of Selectmen had voted to establish a separate committee to coordinate the design and funding of the Blair Square Park and to follow

open meeting laws. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Selectmen are looking for a representative from the Friends of group.

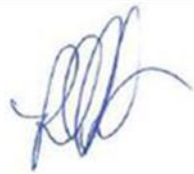
4. **Line Painting.** Stone dust surfaces are planned to be installed the week of 9/25. Herb needs to have a guideline painted for the paving machine to follow. A work party was set up for Saturday, September 23, 2017 starting at 8:30 AM, meet at the Brook Street well.
5. **America in Bloom.** Approximately 150 visitors from across the country will be in town to walk through Holliston. Bobby Blair discussed the route. The Trails Committee will need to install a temporary handrail since the route will climb up the slope from Arch Street to the Trail. The work party on Saturday will install a temporary handrail.
6. **8 Arch Bridge.** The construction bids are due for Friday September 22, 2017. The separate 8-Arch Bridge Committee will review the bids and as appropriate, award the bid.
7. **Invoices.** A number of invoices were reviewed and discussed. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment of the following invoices, to be paid from the DCR 2014 account, seconded by Bud Schmitt, and approved unanimously:
 - a) American Recycled Materials, Inc., in the amount of \$720, dated 8/25/2017, for gravel base materials;
 - b) Kimball, in the amount of \$4,899.98, dated 9/9/2017, for stone dust materials and delivery;
 - c) American Recycled Materials, Inc., in the amount of \$108, dated 0/5/2017, for gravel base materials;
 - d) Kimball, in the amount of \$524.17, dated 8/26/2017, for stone dust materials and delivery;
 - e) A.J.Camillucci, Co., in the amount of \$8,000 dated 8/27/2017 for grading of the railbed and gravel base materials;
 - f) G.H.Tuttle, in the amount of \$450, dated 8/9/2017, for trucking of materials;
 - g) American Recycled Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$7,020, dated 8/18/2017, for gravel materials;
 - h) American Recycled Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$5,526, dated 8/11/2017, for gravel materials;
 - i) M.J. Tuttle, in the amount of \$7,800, dated 9/14/2017, for installation of stone dust and compaction;
 - j) Anthony Cordani Trucking, in the amount of \$2,160, dated 9/14/2017, for trucking of materials; and
 - k) G.H. Tuttle, in the amount of \$2,000, dated 9/20/2017, for trucking of materials.

Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Gaita, in the amount of \$2,000, dated 9/11/2017, to be paid from the DCR 2014 account, seconded by Herb Brockert, and approved unanimously.

8. **Solect Parking.** Herb Brockert discussed the proposed parking area at the Solect facility with its engineer. The stone dust parking surface is an inappropriate use of stone dust and recommended removal and installation of gravel base materials. The handicap parking area is too steep to meet ADA requirements. Signs will need to be installed. Drainage piping will need to be provided to prevent drainage from washing over the access trail from the parking lot to the main trail. Solect will maintain the vegetation growing in the drainage channels. Solect will also address repair of the edges of the trail that were damaged.
9. **Griffin Electric.** Herb noted that as he was walking the site with Solect representatives he noticed well drilling tailings were discharged into the railroad right of way. He then met with the contractor currently working on the building and agreed to have the material removed.
10. **Pulte Homes Trail Construction.** Herb Brockert noted that machinery for the installation of the stone dust trail at the Pulte Homes development was on site. He had not been in recent contact with representatives to find out their schedule.
11. **Stolen Granite Mile Marker.** Robert Weidknecht walked the Trail to determine the number of mile markers needed and noted that the original granite rail marker, mile 25, was removed, likely stolen. He checked photographs and found that the last photo of the mile marker was dated 2004.
12. **Beacons.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has attempted to get three bids for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for various intersections. One bid has been received and two others are expected.
13. **Bench Program.** Ged Gove requested a location for Granite Benches in the area of Chestnut Street and had provided three possible locations. Ken Henderson moved to authorize one location near the intersection of Chestnut Street and another at location 9 feet southwest of Location "3," seconded by Bud Schmitt and voted unanimously.
14. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project.** Budd Schmitt reported that James is planning to install railings at the Chicken Brook crossing, and is pending approval by Scout Council.
15. **Ryan Sofoul, Eagle Scout Project.** No updates on his status as he is seeking approval from Scout Council. Ryan is planning to install Mile Marker and sign posts at the sections of the Trail with new surfacing.

16. **Surfaces.** Herb Brockert reported that he has completed the stone dust installation from Church Street to the detour before the 8-Arch Bridge and from Lowland Street to Washington Street. The stone dust installation will resume on Monday to do section from Washington Street to Mayflower Landing.
17. **Transportation Bond Bill.** Robert Weidknecht submitted a letter requesting an extension for the use of the remaining funds under this bill to MassDOT. We are waiting on confirmation of extension of time.
18. **Anticipated future Expenses.** Future expenses were discussed and may include the following: dumpster and disposal of remaining railroad ties; additional beacons; guardrails for Church Street to Central Street; curbing/ barrier at former VFW; handrails at various bridges; signs: stop, mile markers, street labels, and no motorized vehicles; and fencing near Winthrop canal.
19. **Equipment Purchases.** Ken Henderson reported on his discussion with Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and is all set for discussion at Town Meeting.
20. **Agenda Items.** The following items on the agenda were not discussed:
 - a) Encroachments
 - b) Barriers at VFW
 - c) Public Art Project
 - d) Maintenance Plan and Inspection Checklist
21. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was set for October 11, 2017, at 7 p.m.
22. **Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht, Chairman