

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 21, 2018

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: None

### **PRESENT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

Chris Cain

### **GUESTS:**

Bobby Blair  
Ed Daniels

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. Privacy - Complaint By Resident Regarding Track Coach and Potential Commercial Use of the Trail.** Robert Weidknecht received a complaint about the use of the Trail by the Adams Middle School track team. The complaint centered around an adult who did not respect the privacy of abutting homeowners while stationed at the Arch Street Bridge to take pictures of the team. Robert has addressed the matter. Robert also reported that he has seen several postings by local businesses on the Face Book "Holliston Happy" page advertising commercial activities on the Trail, mainly for "boot camp" exercise sessions. A discussion followed on how, and to what degree, commercial activity should be regulated to avoid disruption to abutting homeowners and quiet enjoyment of the Trail by recreational users. Marc Connelly then moved to subject commercial use of the Trail to certain conditions, including: Minimal Use (generally weekdays during daylight hours, with sessions meeting one day per week for up to four weeks, and sessions not to exceed 10 participants plus instructor); Location (stationary activities not permitted near residences,

no stopping near residences, preferred location is in the Cross Street area (1/2 mile in either direction); Noise (must be kept to a minimum); and Safety (keep to right-hand side of Trail, single file, be aware of other Trail users at all times, instruct attendees to be considerate of other Trail users and be aware of Trail conditions at all times, abide by Town leash law and clean up after your pets); with all requests subject to conditional approval which may be revoked for cause by the Trails Committee in its sole judgment. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 7-0-0.

2. **Public Comment.** Bobby Blair reported that a resident wished to donate an Adirondack chair for enjoyment near the Trail. Ed Daniels stated that a moped had been abandoned on the Trail at Blair Square. The Trails Committee discussed the Town of Holliston's policy for abandoned bicycles and concluded that it should be reported to the police department. Ed also stated that he is being contacted by people who want to conduct activities on the Trail. Ed stated that the "Friends of" group is maintaining a calendar of events, but does not have authority to approve such activities. Ed also reported that an idea had been floated to install fitness stations along the Trail, and that funding was available for this project. After discussion, the Trails Committee concluded that while the project has merit, there may not be enough space along the Trail for it to be built. Additional details would be required for further consideration.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-3, with Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis and Mark Kaplan abstaining.
4. **Invoices.**
  - a. True Value Hardware. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to True Value Hardware for nuts and bolts used on the Hathaway railing project in the amount of \$8.60, to be payable from the Gift Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - b. True Value Hardware. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to True Value Hardware for tree loppers in the amount of \$27.54, to be payable from the Town Meeting 2017 Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - c. Medway Lumber. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Medway Lumber for pressure treated lumber used on the Hathaway railing project in the amount of

\$836.44, to be payable from the Gift Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.

- d. Perma-Line of New England. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Perma-Line of New England for for traffic signals in the amount of \$289.45, to be payable from the Gift Account. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.

5. **Maintenance Equipment/Storage Bin.** Ken Henderson reviewed equipment needs and noted that a tamper was needed for stone dust surface repairs.
6. **Interpretive Signs (Mary Greendale).** Robert Weidknecht reported that Mary Greendale wants to initiate a project to install interpretive signs at seven locations along the Trail. The signs will be the size of the Story Book Walk displays and will provide historical information and recognize significant donations, among other things. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to approve the installation of interpretive signs in concept, subject to the Trail Committee's review of graphics, site locations and placement of posts. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
7. **Bench Location Site Meeting.** Ed Daniels reported that there currently were no pressing requests for bench donations north of Church Street.
8. **8-Arch Bridge Status.** Herb Brockert reported that there was a ribbon cutting earlier today to officially mark the opening of the 8-Arch Bridge. Herb commended the contractor, stating that the project was successfully completed. Herb indicated that grading of the Trail and installation of stone dust on either side of the Bridge may be completed by the end of the month. Final work will be performed by a contractor at an estimated cost of approximately \$15,000.
9. **Volunteer/Scout Projects.**
  - a. **MathWorks.** Robert Weidknecht reported that MathWorks will do a cleanup of the Cross Street area on May 25, 2018, and will install wood chips.
  - b. **Ryan Sofoul, Eagle Scout Project - Mile Markers, Stop Signs and Welcome to Holliston Signs.** Robert Weidknecht reported that this project is scheduled for June 2018, between Mayflower and Washington Streets and Lowland and Church Streets. After discussion, Ken Henderson move to authorize Star Sign to make required signs for the Sofoul Eagle Scout Project, with a cost not to exceed \$200, to be payable from the Gift Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - c. **Deloitte Impact Day June 8, 2018.** Ken Henderson reported that he would not be available to supervise this project. Chris Cain agreed to provide coverage.
10. **Trail Conditions -**

- a. **Holliston Oil - Barriers Needed - Further Damage by Cars Driving on the Surface.**  
Robert Weidknecht reported that additional barriers were needed to restrict cars from damaging the Trail adjacent to Holliston Oil.
- 11. **Encroachment Letter.** Ken Henderson reported that he will present the draft encroachment letter to the Board of Selectmen on June 18, 2018. Ken will seek assistance in coordinating the mailing.
- 12. **Whistle Post and Granite Mile Marker Retrieval.** Robert Weidknecht discussed the need to retrieve the whistle post and granite mile marker that had been removed from the Trail many years ago. Members of the Trails Committee will meet at Mayflower Landing on June 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to retrieve these items and install them in their original locations.
- 13. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- 14. **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 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman