

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: September 12, 2018

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Chris Cain, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson,
Mark Kaplan and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly [Bud Schmitt]

GUESTS: Sue Hammerland
Fran Patterson

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. **Public Comment.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Tina Hein advised him that the Board of Selectmen is conducting a traffic study of the Mudville Area and requested a Trails Committee representative to participate to discuss the Trail connections.
2. **Holliston Mill - Art on the Trail.** Sue Hammerland, an artist from the Holliston Mill, presented a proposal for a temporary outdoor public art installation along the Holliston Trail. The installation will highlight the Mill's history as a shoe manufacturing center by decorating the Exchange Street Bridge and "Carolyn's Tree" at Blair Square with shoe-themed art, along with signage promoting the Artists' open studios at the Mill on the weekend of November 3, 2018. A discussion followed, during which the Trails Committee expressed support for this installation and other future possible installations along the Trail.
3. **Trail Etiquette Signs - Review and Approval of Quiet Zones.** The Trails Committee identified the following quiet zones in connection with last month's presentation by the

“Friends of” group’s Trail Etiquette project, subject to final confirmation: South Street towards Milford; Chestnut Street towards the Village Plaza; DPW towards Exchange Street; and the Regal Street area. Fran Patterson asked for further direction on signage for the quiet zones. After discussion, “No Loitering” signage will be changed to “Pass By Quietly”.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0. Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
5. **Surface Improvements.** Robert Weidknecht noted that there is a lot of rutting in new sections of the Trail that needs to be repaired. The damaged sections run between Church Street and Sherborn. A discussion followed, during which it was noted that drainage or a berm may need to be installed on the Trail across from the Adams Middle School.
6. **Annual Report.** Robert Weidknecht led a review of the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2018. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report as revised. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
7. **Bench Locations North of Church Street.** Ken Henderson reported that he has identified two sites in this area.
8. **Maintenance Equipment/Storage Bin.** Ken Henderson and Herb Brockert led a discussion of work needed on the new storage bin. Fixing the roof and installing a vent were identified as priorities.
9. **Solect Parking Area - Status.** Herb Brockert will reach out to Solect in an effort to have the parking area completed.
10. **Trail Conditions -**
 - a. **Casey’s Area - Barriers/Crossings.** Herb Brockert has drafted a design that may allow the tenants of the former State Lumber building to preserve access to the loading dock. Robert Weidknecht will sketch the design out on paper for review. The Trails Committee further discussed various options for permanent and temporary

barriers between the Trail and Casey's Public House. The Trails Committee also agreed that it would be desirable to ultimately grind the pavement on the Trail behind Casey's and install a stone dust surface.

b. Beacon Installation - Staking of Locations. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Highway Department may begin installing the flashing beacons at Washington Street next week.

11. Railroad Tie Removal. The Trails Committee discussed removing the pile of railroad ties at South Street before winter.

12. Funding.

a. Gift Account. The Trails Committee discussed using funds from the remaining \$7,000 in the Gift Account to purchase temporary barriers for the section of the Trail behind Casey's.

b. Town Meeting Safety Materials. The Trails Committee discussed using funds from the remaining \$5,000 in the Town Meeting Account to install thermoplastic advance cross walks at certain intersections along the Trail.

13. Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2018 at 7 p.m.

14. Meeting Adjournment. Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman