

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: August 21, 2019

**PRESENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

**ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Herb Brockert and Martha Ellis

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Mark Ahronian, Select Board  
Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator  
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk  
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Approve Minutes from May 23, 2018 Meeting.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
- 2. Bench Locations – Sections North of Church Street.** Ken Henderson reported that he has identified two potential locations for benches.
- 3. Invoices.**
  - a. Holliston True Value. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for painting equipment in the amount of \$5.97, to be payable from the Town Meeting 2017 account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
  - b. Holliston True Value. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for hedge shears in the amount of \$12.34, to be payable from the Town Meeting 2017 account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

4. **Cross Street – Tractor Trailer Parking and Idling.** Bud Schmitt reported that he spoke with a local business owner who was responsible for the truck drivers who had been using Cross Street as a rest stop. The owner said he will have the truck drivers park elsewhere.
5. **Plant Material Donations - Ahronian.** Ken Henderson reported that he, Chris Cain and David Bastille had planted some of the donated items by the Trail at Hopping Brook a week ago. Ken has tentative plans to work with Herb Brockert next week to plant a Dogwood tree on the side of the Trail near Creative Playthings.
6. **Massachusetts Walking Tour - June 17 Hike and 6 pm Concert at Library.** Mark Kaplan reported that he had publicized the Mass. Walking Tour event by posting signs in local businesses, on social media and by press release in local newspapers. Mark will hike with the group from Milford to Holliston.
7. **Letter on Encroachments - Selectmen.** Ken Henderson reported that the letter for commercial abutters has been signed by the Select Board and is ready to be mailed.
8. **Access Path to 1750 Washington Street, Crosswalk Near Johnson Drive.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a new plan was being developed to avoid the need for cutting down a large pine tree. Robert further noted that installation of a crosswalk at Washington Street and Johnson Drive would require state approval because it crosses a state highway.
9. **Maintenance Equipment/Storage Bin.** Ken Henderson reported that he has painted the top four feet of the walls of the storage bin; sealant still needs to be applied to the roof of the storage bin; and the golf cart is being serviced at the DPW.
10. **Recycling/Trash Sandwich Boards.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Tina Hein had requested that the Committee vote to approve placing signage on the Trail relating to the new recycling and trash carts. A discussion followed, during which it was agreed that this was a matter for the Select Board to decide rather than the Committee.
11. **National Honor Society Project.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Isabella Ceresia would be leading a NHS project the weekends of June 16 and June 28, 2019 to remove invasive weeds along the Trail. The students will bag the weeds but the Committee will need to dispose of the bags.
12. **Potential Land Donation.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Mike Generazio, a local developer, has offered to donate two parcels of land to the Town of Holliston. The land would connect the Trail to

Sherborn conservation land. After discussion, it was agreed that a few members would walk the property on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 9 am.

**13. Set Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**14. Meeting Adjournment.** Mark Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chairman