

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM, (Hybrid In-Person/ Remote Participation)

ISSUE DATE: September 22, 2021

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Ken Henderson,

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Eddie Bombardieri, Mike Bombardieri

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Tina Hein, Select Board
Travis Ahern, Town Administrator
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Hybrid In-Person/ Remote Participation.** Robert Weidknecht reviewed the special procedures for conducting the Trails Committee meeting by hybrid in-person/remote participation.
- 2. Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
- 3. Invoices.**
 - a. Holliston True Value. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for a five gallon gas can in the amount of \$38.94, to be payable from the 2019 Town Meeting

Maintenance Account. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote [by roll call] was 5-0-0 in favor.

4. Public Comment. Eddie Bombardieri reported that his Eagle Scout project has been approved and he plans to complete the project on Sunday, August 29, 2021.

5. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project - potential ditch cleaning. Robert Weidknecht reported that he submitted an application for this project on July 27, 2021 and has not yet received a response.

6. ARPA Funding. Robert Weidknecht reviewed the three grant applications he prepared for ARPA funding for three projects--improve Phipps Tunnel drainage in Northeast quadrant; improve Phipps Tunnel drainage in Northwest quadrant; and upgrades to all trail intersections with crossing signals. After discussion, Herb Brockert moved to submit the three applications for ARPA funding. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

7. Tropical Storm Elsa and Resulting Damage. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Committee will need to continue to monitor and deal with any issues arising at several locations on the Trail.

8. Potential Town Meeting Fund Requests. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Committee will need to obtain an engineering study for repair of the Phipps Tunnel walls. An updated quote will be needed in order to seek funding from Town Meeting.

9. Encroachments.

a. **Commercial.** Robert Weidknecht reported that three licenses are pending and the others have been completed.

b. **Residential.** Robert Weidknecht reported some new residential encroachments.

10. Blair Square Committee Liaison Report. Herb Brockert reported that the site plan is 90% complete, and the cost estimate for this project is \$721,000. The Blair Square Committee will evaluate whether the project can be done less expensively. Progress has been made on Veteran's Park, with a goal of completing the Park by Veteran's Day.

11. Trail Conditions. Robert Weidknecht reviewed whether Town Meeting funding should be requested to top dress certain sections of the trail. Herb Brockert reported that he has brush cut many sections of the trail.

12. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 at 7 p.m.

13. Meeting Adjournment. Herb Brockert moved to adjourn the meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chairman