

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM
(Hybrid In-Person/Remote Participation)

ISSUE DATE: November 18, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

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. 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.
- 2. Revised License Area for 100 Washington Street.** Bud Schmitt, Robert Weidknecht and Herb Brockert held a site meeting at 100 Washington Street to review a request for an expanded encroachment license to cover an area of approximately 4,680 square feet. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to accept the expanded encroachment license as diagramed. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.

- 3. Requested Sign – Exchange Street Area.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a local business named Mindful Recovery requested a sign that would direct clients from the Trail to their business. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to approve, subject to Town counsel approval, a “business directory” sign that would include at least four businesses at a cost of \$150 per business. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0. Mindful Recovery will be responsible for recruiting other businesses that might like to participate.
- 4. Tree Maintenance.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Rolf Briggs offered to perform more tree cutting along the trail between Cross and Summer Streets on Friday, September 24, 2021. Ken Henderson will arrange for volunteers to block trail users from the Trail during this project.
- 5. Phipps Tunnel Area--Pipe Jetting and TV Inspection Quotes.** Robert Weidknecht reported that three quotes to clean and inspect the drainage pipes have been obtained. The drainage pipes on one side of the Tunnel are plugged. Robert will present the quotes to the Town Administrator.
- 6. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project - potential ditch cleaning (submitted July 27, 2021).** Robert Weidknecht reported that conditions are too wet and this project will need to wait until next year to dry out.
- 7. ARPA Funding for Drainage Piping At Phipps Tunnel.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he attended a meeting on August 25, 2021 with the ARPA Funding Committee, which requested that the Trails Committee seek funding for this project from the Holliston Community Preservation Committee. The project will be delayed due to insufficient time to prepare for a CPC funding request.
- 8. ARPA Funding for RRFP Signal Upgrades.** Robert Weidknecht reported that this funding request was approved by the ARPA Funding Committee. Signals will be upgraded to “Presence Detection”.
- 9. Phipps Tunnel Wall Repair.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he received a revised quote to investigate the cause of leakage and damage in the tunnel walls. A request for approval of an engineering study that will determine the cost of this project will be presented to Fall Town Meeting.
- 10. Invoices.**
 - a. Holliston True Value. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for a gallon of gray paint to cover graffiti at Phipps Tunnel in the amount of \$76.99, to be payable from the 2020 Maintenance Account. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

11. Blair Square Committee Liaison Report. Robert Weidknecht reported that he attended the last meeting to provide comments on the proposed design.

12. Trail Conditions – Landscape Improvements. Robert Weidknecht reported that he has been mowing the various trail intersections and has compiled a list of landscaping improvement projects.

13. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2021 at 7 p.m.

14. Meeting Adjournment. Marc Connelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RW', is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Robert Weidknecht – Chairman