

## HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 29, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 20, 2013

### PRESENT

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

### ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Matt Varrell

GUESTS: Charlie Paradie, Jeremy Paradie, Ben Flanagan

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Jay Leary, Board of Selectmen  
Michelle Johnson, Finance Committee  
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator  
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk  
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2013 Meeting.** Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Melissa Halstead seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-1 in favor, with Marc Connelly abstaining.
2. **Scout Project.**
  - a. **Jeremy Paradie, Scout Project:** Jeremy reported that he organized and led an Eagle Scout project to remove and dispose of the approximately 200 railroad ties between South Street and the Milford town line. Downed trees, tree stumps and trash were also removed. 30 volunteers participated and donated approximately 120 hours of work. To complete the project, he will arrange for the donation of a dumpster to help with the removal of the ties and other refuse. He will also attempt to remove a few additional ties that are deeply embedded in the trail, with the assistance of Herb Brockert's backhoe. The Trails Committee thanked Jeremy for his efforts to-date.

- b. **Ben Flanagan, Scout Project:** Ben reported that he successfully organized and led phase one of his Eagle Scout project to install two stop signs at each of the five intersections the Trails Committee had identified as priorities. Twenty volunteers participated and donated approximately 120 hours of work. Certain of the locations were very rocky, but each post was installed 3 feet deep. During the meeting, the Trails Committee provided Ben with street signs to install on each of the stop sign posts. In phase two of the project, Ben will construct and install a kiosk at Blair Square. Ben hopes to complete the project during the weekend of June 9. The Trails Committee thanked Ben for his efforts to-date.
3. **Intergenerational Trail Work:** Ken Henderson discussed this project, which is scheduled for June 5, 2013. Approximately 20 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a trail cleanup from Cross Street to Phipps Tunnel.
4. **Invoices:**
- a. Tresca Brothers. Melissa Halstead moved to authorize payment for concrete blocks used to repair the Arch Street bridge in the amount of \$720, to be paid from the DCR \$800K grant (now known as the DCR 64K grant). Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
5. **Follow up from walk with Selectmen on May 11:** Robert Weidknecht reported that the walk was productive. Next steps will be to arrange for a survey of Blair Square. The Trails Committee will consider applying for CPC funds in the fall.
6. **ALIM Parcel--post recognizing donation:** The post hole has been dug. Herb Brockert will pick up the post for installation in the near future.
7. **Grant Applications:**
- (a) DCR800K--funds to be used by June 30, 2013: Approximately \$8,528 remains in the account. The Trails Committee discussed various potential uses of the funds, including the purchase of more concrete blocks and gravel.
- (b) Charles River Wheelmen-approved: This grant will be used for installation of decking at the Arch Street Bridge. Installation of concrete blocks must be completed before decking is installed. Work on the blocks is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2013.
- (c) PARC Grant: Will not be pursued due to TIP CMAQ funding discussed below.
- (d) TIP-CMAQ funding restored--Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road: Several years ago, the Holliston trail had been bumped off of the Transportation Improvement Program because of delays in acquiring land from CSX. Funding has been restored in the 2017 TIP in the amount of \$2.5 million for use between Cross Street and Hopping Brook Road. Robert

Weidknecht has proposed that the funds be used to buy the land instead, and he will enquire with MassDOT to determine if those funds may be used for land acquisition.

8. **Trail Construction Church Street:**

(a) Retaining Wall--North Side: Work on the retaining wall is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2013.

9. **Permitting--Central Street to Cross Street.** An Order of Determination of Applicability has been received from the Conservation Commission, covering trail construction from Church Street to Cross Street. Silt fence will need to be installed in the area near L'il Folk Farm as stated in the conditions, prior to construction.

10. **"Friends of" Group Coordination.** The Trails Committee will meet June 1, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Blair Square to walk the Trail and identify locations for benches to be sold in fundraising activities.

11. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 19, 2013 at 7 pm. (later changed to June 20, 2013)

12. **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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Robert Weidknecht', written in a cursive style.

Robert Weidknecht - Chairman