

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: July 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: September 11, 2013

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Matt Varrell
and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis and Melissa Halstead

GUESTS: Ed Daniels, Ron Pipe

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 June 20, 2013 Meeting.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
2. **Scout Projects.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Ben Flanagan's and Jake Levin's Eagle Scout projects are complete. Jeremy Paradie has a final cleanup and removal of ties and collected trash to complete his Eagle Scout project.
3. **Solar Project, Hopping Brook Road-Peter Barbieri.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has learned that the developers of the proposed solar project on Hopping Brook Road plan to include trail access and a parking lot in their development plans. No details are available as of yet.
4. **Grant Applications.** Robert Weidknecht noted that the DCR 64K grant (formerly known as the DCR 800K grant) has been depleted. Certain funds remain available for trail improvements between Church and Cross Streets and between South Street and the Milford trail, which will likely carry the work of the Trails Committee through the end of the year, but additional funds are needed. After

discussion, it was agreed that Mark Kaplan would look into whether funds are available through the Holliston Community Preservation Committee.

5. **Trail Construction.** Decking for Arch Street. Two more concrete blocks remain to be installed in a corner of the Arch Street bridge before decking can be installed. Installation of the blocks is tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2013 at 8 a.m. In the meantime, Ed Daniels will reach out to the Lion's Club to seek volunteers with skills needed to install the decking. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to authorize Herb Brockert to spend up to \$2,500 for rolling and grading the section of the trail between Central Street and Cross Street. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
6. **Development of Blair Square.** The Trails Committee discussed the development of Blair Square to date. Ken Henderson moved that, in recognition of the need to develop a master plan for Blair Square, The Trails Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that all proposed improvements be directed to the Trails Committee for further evaluation. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
7. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2013 at 7 p.m.
8. **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 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht - Chairman