

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Remote Participation)

ISSUE DATE: February 17, 2022

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Rick Shansky

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. Emergency Remote Participation.** Robert Weidknecht reviewed the special procedures for conducting the Trails Committee meeting by remote participation.
- 2. Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
- 3. Annual Report.** Robert Weidknecht reviewed the Trails Committee Annual Report to Town Meeting. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to accept the Annual Report. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.

4. **Fence - Highway Department.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Friends of Holliston Trails is seeking input from the Trails Committee on whether they should install bamboo fencing over the Highway Department's chain link fence that abuts the trail. After discussion, Ken Henderson moved to support the proposal to install bamboo fencing, subject to the approval of the Highway Department. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-0. The Committee proceeded to discuss other projects that the "Friends of" group could help fund.
5. **Tree - Near Christopher Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Marc Connelly advised that Tree Specialists will evaluate a tree near Christopher Road that was reported by a resident as a potential hazard.
6. **Phipps Tunnel Area.**
 - a. **Drain Cleaning.** Robert Weidknecht reported that this project will be delayed until March due to weather.
7. **Blair Square Update.** Herb Brockert reported that the Blair Square Committee is seeking funding for their project.
8. **Comprehensive Long-Range Plan Update.** Ken Henderson reported that this committee is coordinating with the Council on Aging to seek more input from senior citizens.
9. **Scout Projects.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Mr. Shah's Eagle Scout project to install railings near Creative Playthings has been delayed until spring.
10. **Trail Conditions.**
 - a. **Railings Needed.** Herb Brockert will try drilling holes into granite to install anchors, weather permitting.
 - b. **Landscape Improvements.** Bud Schmitt discussed plans to improve landscaping at several intersections.
 - c. **Drainage Repair at 354-360 Woodland Street.** Robert Weidknecht led a discussion of potential solutions to drainage issues at this location.
11. **Stolen Granite.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a piece of granite was stolen from the exercise station near Church Street by persons who drove a Quad ATV down the trail.

12. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2022 at 7 p.m.

13. 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 8:02 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