

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: October 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: November 19, 2014

PRESENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Matt Varrell and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan, Marc Connelly

GUESTS: Peter Barbieri, Fletcher Tilton, PC  
Ken Driscoll Solect, Inc.  
James Dumas, Solect, Inc.  
Bill Dowd  
Bobby Blair

PREPARED BY: Matt Varrell

COPIES TO: Jay Marsden, Board of Selectmen  
Beth Liberty, Finance Committee  
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator  
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk  
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

1. **Meeting Minutes.** K. Henderson motioned to accept the minutes of September 17, 2014, H. Brockert seconded and was approved 4-0-0.
2. **Public Comment.** B. Dowd commented that he has concern over hazardous protrusions along the trail between Cross Street and Summer Street. He offered to spray them with paint to make them more visible to users. H. Brockert suggested grading the area to smooth out the areas with hazards, without adding any material.
3. **Bond Bill Funds.** Local representatives Spilka and Dykema are continuing to pursue release of bond bill funds to allow the HTC to acquire more property from CSX.
4. **Phipps Tunnel Drainage Work.** H. Brockert stated that a cost estimate to hire a contractor to install drainage pipes in Phipps Tunnel to alleviate drainage issues would be \$2,500-3,000. To repair the stone work would be another \$2,000.
5. **Blair Square Survey.** HTC is still awaiting a final plan from the survey company who volunteered to do the work. The plan will be ready "ASAP" per the survey company.

6. **Exchange Street Handrails.** Keefe Tech cannot do any metal fabrication, only woodwork. The town will need to purchase/fabricate the metal parts for the railing on the Exchange Street bridge.
7. **Trail Construction South Street to Milford.** Milford will be paving soon. Holliston has tentatively scheduled the Holliston trail work for October 4th.
8. **Bike Rack Donation.** The donation of the bike rack which is to be installed at Blair Square is progressing. The rack has been ordered and installed when it arrives. The Friends group will coordinate the dedication of the rack with the family.
9. **Historic Features.** Mercedes Farrando from Preservation Massachusetts reported to HTC that the town will soon know if the 8-arch Bridge and Phipps Tunnel will be listed on the "Most Endangered List". If they are, it will open up grant possibilities for repair and maintenance of the structures.
10. **Trail Maintenance.** H. Brockert reported that he spoke to Tom Smith the Highway Department and that the department has been doing some maintenance activities on the trail. They are prepared to do more, as needed.
11. **Solect Damage/Mitigation Summary.** The HTC reviewed a summary prepared by M. Varrell, listing the damages and proposed mitigation related to the Solect trespassing activities. After discussion within the HTC and with representatives of Solect, language was agreed upon pertaining to the damage/mitigation summary as well as draft language for the letter agreement (see attached). The HTC agreed that Solect shall fund an escrow account in the amount of \$175,000 and a deed restriction will be drafted by Solect's attorney to ensure that the 20-year maintenance commitment is memorialized. Motion made by M. Varrell, seconded by H. Brockert, to approve the revised damage/mitigation summary and draft letter. Approved 5-0-0. The draft letter agreement will be forwarded to Holliston Town Counsel for final approval. K. Henderson made a motion to designate M. Varrell as the designated signator for the HTC for future agreements with Solect. Seconded by H. Brockert, approved 5-0-0.
12. **Following Meeting.** Next meeting is set for October 22, 2014, 7PM  
Motion to adjourn at 9:25 – K. Henderson, seconded by M. Varrell. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht, Chair