

## HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: October 23, 2013

PRESENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Melissa Halstead, Mark Kaplan,  
Matt Varrell and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis and Ken Henderson

GUESTS: Robert Blair

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2013 Meeting**

Herb Brockert moved to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Melissa Halstead seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 5-0-1 in favor, with Marc Connelly abstaining.

**2. Scout Projects**

Robert Weidknecht reported that he has found a company that may volunteer to haul away, at no charge, the railroad ties collected during Jeremy Paradie's Eagle Scout project.

**3. Mosquito Control**

Robert Weidknecht reported that Central Mass. Mosquito Control will clear drainage channels on the portion of Trail near 1850 Washington Street in October. However, trees growing in the channels will need to be removed prior to commencement of work since Mosquito Control no longer does tree-cutting. In addition, abutters have also dumped large logs down a steep embankment and onto the trail, which will also need to be cleaned up.

**4. Invoices**

- a. Tresca Brothers. Matt Varrell moved to authorize payment for five concrete blocks in the amount of \$300 to Tresca Brothers, to be paid from the DCR 2011 grant. Melissa Halstead seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining.
- b. Robert Weidknecht. Herb Brockert moved to authorize reimbursement for the services of Robert Walker, a Highway Department equipment operator, in connection with cleaning the drainage channel between Phipps Tunnel and Little Folk Farm, to Robert Weidknecht in the amount of \$630, to be paid from the DCR 2011 grant. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0-2, with Marc Connelly and Robert Weidknecht abstaining.
- c. Spartan Engineering, LLC. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment for an engineering study for handrails at the Arch Street Bridge of up to \$810 to Spartan Engineering, LLC, to be paid from the DCR 2011 grant. Matt Varrell seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining.

**5. Grant Applications**

- a. Robert Weidknecht has drafted a status report for the DCR 2011 grant.
- b. CPA Request. The Committee reviewed the application prepared by Robert Weidknecht for Community Preservation Act funds. A discussion followed, during which the Committee approved the application with minor changes.

**6. Open Meeting Law**

Robert Weidknecht advised the Committee that there will Open Meeting law training at 7 pm on November 19, 2013 at the Adams School.

**7. Next Trail Cleanup**

The next cleanup will be between Chestnut Street and Hopping Brook Road on Saturday September 28, 2013 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**8. Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2013 at 7 p.m.

**9. Meeting Adjournment**

Matt Varrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-1, with Marc Connelly abstaining for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht, Chairman