

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

### **SUMMARY**

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 24, 2015

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis and Ken Henderson

GUESTS: Geoffrey Zeamer

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **1. Invoices:**

- a. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment for an environmental site assessment for the section of the Trail between Cross Street and Hopping Brook Road in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to Fay, Spofford & Thorndike. Matt Varrell seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

##### **2. Public Comment.**

- a. Robert Weidknecht noted that David Wolfson is scheduled to appear before the Board of Selectmen on May 28, 2015 to request the installation of a fence between his property and the Trail. A discussion followed, during which it was agreed that the Town of Holliston did not have the funds to install and maintain fencing on abutters' property and that the Trails Committee would not support any special accommodations for Mr. Wolfson.
- b. Geoff Zeamer, Chair of the Planning Board, informed the Trails Committee that the Planning Board was establishing a Village Center Commercial District Planning

Committee, and was seeking representation from the Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan volunteered to represent the Trails Committee.

3. **Donation-Republic Services-\$1,250 in August.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Republic Services intends to make a \$1,250 donation in August. A discussion followed, pursuant to which Robert will contact Republic Services to see if they will assist in the removal of the pile of railroad ties at the South Street trail head in lieu of a monetary donation.
4. **Solect Solar-Agreement/Construction Status.** Matt Varrell reported that the Memorandum of Understanding with Solect Solar has been signed. Information was not available on when construction would be scheduled or when the escrow account would be funded. Paul Coan, an excavating contractor, will be appointed Clerk of the Works.
5. **Acquisition.**
  - a. **Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the environmental study has been completed and that the next step is the coordination of the purchase of the property.
6. **Senior Center Walking Program.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Senior Center has launched a program for seniors to walk the Trail.
7. **Summer Street Crossing Signal.** The Trails Committee discussed specifications and resources for installing the crossing signal at Summer Street.
8. **Keefe Tech-Handrails at Exchange Street.** Robert Weidknecht has asked Don Bates if he is interested in bidding on the welding services required for installing the handrails at the Exchange Street bridge. Herb Brockert has identified potential vendors as well.
9. **Trail Construction- South Street to Hopping Brook Road.**
  - a. **Handrails-Hopping Brook Bridge.** Installation was tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2015.
  - b. **Slope areas-Driven Posts and Retaining Wall.** Installation was tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2015.
10. **Trail Construction- Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road.**
  - a. **Gravel Installation Week of 5/11/15.** Herb Brockert has completed the installation of gravel on this section of the Trail, between Cross Street and Summer Street, and slightly west of Summer Street.
11. **Mathworks Trail Cleanup-** June 1, 2015. Forty-five employees from Mathworks have volunteered for a Trails cleanup project on Monday, June 1, 2015. Multiple sections of the

Trail will be worked on, given the number of volunteers expected to turn out for this project.

12. **Signs- Leash Your Dog.** Signs have been acquired and will be installed soon.
13. **Holliston in Bloom.** Holliston in Bloom is seeking volunteers for their upcoming cleanup project.
14. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2015 at 7 p.m.
15. **Meeting Adjournment.** Matt Varrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman