

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: August 26, 2015

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Ken Henderson and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Matt Varrell, Mark Kaplan and Martha Ellis

GUESTS: Debi Miller

PREPARED BY: Robert Weidknecht

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Invoices.** None
2. **Public Comment.** None
3. **Story Walk Trail.** Debi Miller, Holliston Friends of the Library, requested approval from the Committee for the installation of a Story Walk Trail project along the Trail, geared for children ages 3-8 years old. The details were discussed including the location, posts, mounting heights, and materials. Ken Henderson moved to accept the project to allow the Holliston Friends of the Library to install up to 32 posts to be located between Cross Street and the Wenakeening Woods trail entrance for the purposes of installing a Story Walk Trail targeted for young readers. Herb Brockert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
4. **Donation-Republic Services.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Republic Services provided a check of \$1,000 as a donation. Additionally, Republic Services has offered to provide a dumpster and removal costs for the railroad ties placed near South Street.

5. **Blair Square Survey.** Ken Henderson discussed with Joyce Hastings, GLM regarding the additional survey at Blair Square. Joyce Hastings will provide him with a schedule in the near future.
6. **Trash and Pet Waste.** Herb Brockert reported his discussion with Sean Reese, DPW Director, collection, and removal of trash and pet waste. The DPW will not remove trash from trash containers at Blair Square, nor will they accept pet waste in the Town's dumpsters that may be collected by others.
7. **Solect Solar Construction Status.** Construction has commenced for the work within the Trail. The stone wall was installed and plantings will be commencing.
8. **Acquisition.**
 - a. **Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the closing for the right of way acquisition is scheduled to occur early next week, July 20 or 21st.
9. **Summer Street Crossing Signal.** Marc Connelly reported that he has secured posts for the Summer Street Rapid Flashing Beacon to be installed. Herb Brockert reported that the Highway Department will install the bases. Herb Brockert will contact the Highway Department to get a contact for the approval of the signal from Mass DOT. Herb Brockert moved to authorize the purchase of the solar crossing lights, signs and equipment, in the amount not to exceed \$8,000, Ken Henderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Robert Weidknecht will coordinate the purchase. Herb Brockert moved to authorize the purchase of advance thermoplastic pavement markings for a bicycle symbol and "XING" notation, in the amount not to exceed \$3,000, seconded by Ken and voted unanimously. Robert Weidknecht will coordinate the purchase of the markings.
10. **Handrails at Arch Street.** Herb Brockert discussed with a structural engineer the design for an alternative handrailing system. The design includes installation of square steel tubing for posts to be welded with brackets. The rails are installed with wood railing and balusters. Ken Henderson moved to authorize Herb Brockert to coordinate the purchase of the steel for the handrail system at Arch Street in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid from the Charles River Wheelmen grant, seconded by Marc Connelly, and the vote was unanimous.
11. **Handrails at Exchange Street.** Herb Brockert discussed with a structural engineer the design of a similar handrail system for Exchange Street. Herb Brockert will be coordinating this design, with alternatives of welding versus clamping to the existing structure. Ken

Henderson moved to authorize Her Brockert to purchase the steel for a handrail system for Exchange Street in the amount not to exceed \$1,200 to be paid from the authorization under the Community Preservation Act fall 2013 funds, seconded by Marc Connelly, and the vote was unanimous. Ken Henderson reported that he had sent a response to the second grader's petition stating that the Trails Committee is currently working on the design and purchase of railings for the Exchange Street Bridge.

12. **Trail Construction-** South Street to Hopping Brook Road.
 - a. **Handrails-Former South Street Bridge.** The handrails were installed at the bridge east of the current location of South Street.
13. **Trail Construction-** Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road.
 - a. **Gravel and Stone Dust.** Herb Brockert discussed that the installation of the gravel and stone dust will be coordinated for the fall.
14. **Celebrate Holliston.** Robert Weidknecht discussed having a booth at Celebrate Holliston. Members discussed that Friends of group may take over this role, as last year the booth was mainly used for the bicycle-powered smoothies. Robert Weidknecht will discuss with the Friends of group about having a booth.
15. **Holliston in Bloom.** Holliston in Bloom is seeking volunteers for their upcoming cleanup project on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19th.
16. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.
17. **Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman