

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: September 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: November 9, 2016

**PRESENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Ken Henderson, Bud Schmitt, and Robert Weidknecht

**ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, and Mark Kaplan

GUESTS: None

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.** A motion to approve the invoice from Mayer, Antonellis and Jackowicz and Haranas, LLP for legal services to support the acquisition of the rail trail in the amount of \$558.00, to be paid by Community Preservation Act 2013 funds was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Marc Connelly, and voted unanimously.
2. **Annual Report.** A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report was made by Bud Schmitt, seconded by Ken Henderson, and voted unanimously.
3. **Eight-Arch Bridge.** Mary Greendale had requested Trails Committee members attendance at an important upcoming meeting for the bidding for the design and construction of the improvements for the bridge. The meeting is planned to be held September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Town Hall.
4. **National Honor Society Project.** Ken Henderson reported that he had a conversation with Eamonn Powers regarding the trout habitat improvement project to occur in the coming year.
5. **Scout Projects.** Bud Schmitt reported that he had a conversation with Ben Capello who is awaiting Knox Trail approval of the project. Robert Weidknecht reported that Owen Savage will be moving forward with his project to install railing at the Chicken Brook

Bridge. Robert Weidknecht reported that Jamie Ogilvie will be meeting soon with the Friends of the Library to present his a design for the Story Walk Trail structures.

6. **Christ the King Lutheran Church Trail Cleanup.** Robert Weidknecht reported the a group of volunteers from Christ the King Lutheran Church will be cutting and piling brush in the section from Woodland Street to Washington Street on September 11. Robert Weidknecht and Bud Schmitt will meet with the group on the day of the cleanup.
7. **Acquisition.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the final section of the railbed was purchased by the Town of Holliston in August. The Town now owns all 6.7 miles of the railbed corridor.
8. **Stone Dust surface.** Robert Weidknecht reported a conversation with Herb Brockert who will be coordinating the installation of stone dust between Summer Street and the Solect Bridge. Cutting of vegetation and removing of rocks will need to be done prior to installing the stone dust. A work party will be organized for September 10, 2016 to remove rocks.
9. **Gypsy Moth Spraying.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Parks Department was discussing spraying some of its properties to deal with the Gypsy Moth caterpillar infestation. After a discussion on the costs and issues with spraying along an active corridor a motion to not move forward with a spraying program this year was forwarded by Ken Henderson, seconded by Marc Connelly and voted 4-0-0.
10. **Celebrate Holliston.** Robert Weidknecht has obtained a booth for Celebrate Holliston.
11. **DCR Recreational Trails Grant 2012.** Robert Weidknecht is awaiting confirmation of payment documentation of a few invoices from the town accountant prior to submitting the partial reimbursement for the work done under this grant.
12. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting date was set to September 20, 2016.
13. **Motion Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Henderson, seconded by Marc Connelly, and voted unanimously at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman