

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 22, 2017

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Herb Brockert, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark Kaplan

GUESTS: Ed Daniels

PREPARED BY: Robert Weidknecht

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2017 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
2. **Signals and Signage.** Robert Weidknecht reported that a design for signals and signage was needed for several trail intersections, including Lowland Street and Route 16. Robert will work on the designs.
3. **Request for Determination of Applicability.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the meeting with the Conservation Commission was held on April 18, 2017. The Commission discussed the use of reclaimed asphalt and will allow it in all locations except at the section between Mayflower Landing and the stream crossing north of the Brook Street Town Well and voted to issue a Determination.
4. **8-Arch Bridge.** The Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions for the restoration and railing work on the bridge. Town Meeting article for Community Preservation funding for the project will be an article on the agenda.

5. **Mathworks.** Mathworks will be working on a section of the railbed, restoring the ditches and cutting back vegetation at Phipps Tunnel, southwest side, toward Milford. Original date was rained out, new date is May 26, 2017.
6. **Railroad Street area.** The plan for temporary jersey barriers along the right of way from Central Street to Church Street was discussed. Herb Brockert stated that he met with the owner of the former State Lumber site. There is an access driveway that enters onto the Trail from this lot. Herb is coordinating relocating the access from this property to farther east, off of Central Street to eliminate this encroachment. This access relocation will involve a curb cut permit and removal of existing fences. Herb Brockert also discussed the use of the right of way at the corner of the trail with Church Street. This tenant uses access to the loading dock and a parking area off of the trail right of way. A portion of the loading dock ramp is located within the right of way. The current design for the barriers does not allow for access to the loading dock. Robert will review potential modifications of the plan to see if access can be provided.
7. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project.** Bud Schmitt is coordinating a project with James Hathaway to install railings at the bridge near Wenakeening Woods.
8. **Deloitte Impact Day.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Deloitte is planning a trail work party for its employees on June 9, 2017. Work is planned for vegetation cutting between Hopping Brook Road and the Milford Town Line.
9. **Jamie Ogilvie, Naional Honor Society.** Jamie is planning a National Honor Society project. Originally planned to be the painting of the whistle posts, modified to help with the construction of the trail by installing the erosion control north of Church Street.
10. **Pulte Homes.** Trail surface has not been installed by Pulte. Herb had discussed with a new supervisor. Herb will follow up to find out the timing of the drainage and surface work required to be performed.
11. **Surfaces.** Herb is planning to work with the Highway Department to install the grindings from the street work. The road griding is starting May 8th. Herb is coordinating the trucking of the material and the spreading of the gravel in the section from Lowland to Washington Streets and from Church Street to the 8-arch bridge.
12. **Erosion Control .** Robert coordinated with Tom Smith and there is straw wattle erosion control available at the senior center. We can reuse the material on the new trail construction. A work party is planned for April 29, 2017, 9 am at the Senior Center, then install the erosion control along the trail.

13. **Creative Playthings.** The display play equipment is in the right of way and blocking the trail. Robert is working with the owner of the company to relocate the equipment so that the trail can be constructed.
14. **State Lumber building area.** Herb is working with the owner of this property to relocate the access drive that crosses the trail.
15. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2017 at 7 p.m.
16. **Meeting Adjournment.** Marc Connelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman