

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: July 19, 2017

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan,
Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly

GUESTS: Bobby Blair

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Invoices.

- a. Putnam Pipe. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Putnam Pipe for silt fence used in trail construction in the amount of \$89.18, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- b. Anthony Cordani Trucking. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Anthony Cordani Trucking for delivery of gravel used in trail construction in the amount of \$3,600, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- c. American Recycled Materials, Inc. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$540, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.
- d. American Recycled Materials, Inc. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to American Recycled Materials, Inc. for reclaimed asphalt used in trail construction in the amount of \$3,060, to be payable from the DCR 2014 grant. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

2. America in Bloom.

- a. Walking Tour - Access at Arch Street - Temporary Railing/Surfaces at Slope. Robert Weidknecht reported that the America in Bloom Committee will organize a walking tour on October 7 and 8, 2017 that will include a portion of the rail trail between the Arch Street Bridge and Blair Square. The tour plans to access the trail at the Arch Street Bridge, and the Trails Committee discussed the need for temporary railings or alternative solutions due to the steep slope at this access point.

3. Encroachments.

- a. Creative Playthings. Robert Weidknecht reported that Creative Playthings has moved its swing sets from the trail and will soon move its dumpster.
- b. VFW. Herb Brockert reported that he raised the trail behind the VFW to solve the stormwater run-off problem from the paved area behind the VFW. The Trails Committee discussed the need to install no parking signs or reflectors where the paved area encroaches on the trail.

- 4. **Sign Lease.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the owner of the Holliston Mill at 13-23 Water Street has declined to renew the lease for the "Welcome to Mudville" sign at Blair Square.

- 5. **Art Project.** The Trails Committee discussed a proposal from Herb Brockert to install an art project on the Trail, similar to projects he has seen in other towns. The concept would be to install 4' x 8' murals with Holliston themes on the fence behind Casey's, next to the former State Lumber area. Mark Kaplan volunteered to reach out the artists collective at the Holliston Mill at 24 Water Street to see if there was interest in participating in such a project.

- 6. **Signals and Signage.** The Trails Committee discussed the need for signals and signage at street crossings for the trail between Church Street and the Sherborn town line. It was decided that flashing beacons should be installed at the Washington Street intersection as a priority, with the Lowland Street intersection to be addressed later.

- 7. **8-Arch Bridge Status.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the request for CPC funding in the amount of \$590,000 to restore the 8-Arch Bridge was approved at Spring town meeting. The 8-Arch Bridge Committee will meet next week to work on the specifications for the project to go out to bid.

8. **Barriers at State Lumber Area.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he will prepare a design for the installation of barriers behind Casey's and present it to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
9. **Mathworks Project.** Mathworks will clean out the drainage ditches at Phipps Tunnel on May 26, 2017. Ken Henderson will greet the Mathworks team.
10. **James Hathaway, Eagle Scout Project.** Bud Schmitt reported that James is gaining required BSA approvals for his Eagle Scout project to install railings at Chicken Brook. The project may be work on in June or July.
11. **Harrison Smith, Eagle Scout Project.** Ken Henderson reported that Harrison has gained BSA approval for his Eagle Scout project, which involves a cleanup on the trail between Mayflower and Washington Streets. The project is scheduled for June 15, 2017.
12. **Deloitte- Corporate Project on the Trail, June 9, 2017.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Deloitte is seeking a liability waiver in order to do a cleanup project between Hopping Brook and South Streets.
13. **Jaimie Ogilvie, National Honor Society Project.** Bud Schmitt reported that Jamie has completed his project. Trail clearing and erosion controls were installed in the section from Church Street to Lowland Street.
14. **Trail Surface -**
 - a. Pulte Area -drainage issues. Herb Brockert reported that he reached out to his contacts at Pulte but has not heard from them. Herb will try to contact them again.
15. **Environmental Bond Bill.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Senator Karen Spilka is still seeking additional funding for the trail through the Environmental Bond Bill.
16. **DCR 2014 - Additional funds available.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the DCR has awarded the trail with another \$45,000 grant which has become available.
17. **Maintenance Equipment.** Ken Henderson reported that his request for funding of maintenance equipment is on the agenda of the Board of Selectmen's upcoming meeting. Ken will also pursue the establishment of a revolving account for the benefit of the trail. The account would accept amounts paid under leases entered into by certain abutters who encroach on the trail.
18. **Solect Parking.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has been in contact with Solect to encourage them to complete the construction of the public parking lot at the solar farm.
19. **Memorial for Jose Rodriguez.** Bud Schmitt reported that Jill Malcom wants to install a tree and low maintenance garden at Cross Street in memory of Jose Rodriguez.

- 20. Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.
- 21. Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson 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,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chairman