

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: July 25, 2018

### **PRESENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, and Robert Weidknecht

### **ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

### **GUESTS:**

Brett Askin  
Bobby Blair  
Ed Daniels  
Bob Pierotti  
Paul Rossini

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Public Comment.** Paul Rossini and Brett Askin, tenant and owner, respectively, of the former State Lumber building, attended the meeting to address the impact of the Trail's development on their property's loading dock, which is partially in the Trail's right-of-way. They acknowledged safety considerations for Trail users, but asked whether there was a way to preserve access to the loading dock. A discussion followed, during which the Committee asked questions about the types and sizes of trucks that were used at the dock, the frequency of use, and alternative access points to the property. The Committee acknowledged the speakers' concerns but noted that the property abuts a highly trafficked area of the Trail and that safety concerns were paramount. The speakers did not make any formal proposals on how to accommodate the loading dock, but the Committee

indicated that they would be willing to entertain any proposals that the speakers developed.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 7-0-0.

3. **Invoices.**

- a. MJ Tuttle. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to MJ Tuttle for equipment rental in the amount of \$2,600.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
- b. GH Tuttle. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to GH Tuttle for trucking services in the amount of \$720.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
- c. GH Tuttle. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to GH Tuttle for trucking services in the amount of \$810.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
- d. AJ Camillucci. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to AJ Camillucci for equipment rental in the amount of \$1,050.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor, with Herb Brockert abstaining.
- e. Holliston True Value. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for a scrub brush in the amount of \$39.41, to be payable from the 2017 Town Meeting Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
- f. Star Sign Co. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Star Sign Co. for signage in the amount of \$190.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.

4. **Maintenance Equipment/Storage Bin.** Herb Brockert and Ken Henderson reported that the storage bin needed to be painted, the roof needed to be fixed, and venting needed to be installed. A discussion followed. A future work day will be needed.

5. **Volunteer/Scout Projects.**

- a. **Ryan Sofoul, Eagle Scout Project - mile markers, stop signs and Welcome to Holliston Signs.** Robert Weidknecht reported that this project was substantially completed last weekend.
  - b. **Deloitte Impact Day June 8, 2018.** Chris Cain reported that 25 volunteers attended and did a great job with their Trail cleanup project.
6. **Trail Conditions -**
  - a. **Pulte Area - Surface Repair.** Herb Brockert reported that Pulte has finally repaired this section of the Trail.
  - b. **Phipps Tunnel - Drainage Design.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he has designed a solution for the drainage ditch issues at Phipps Tunnel. This will require installation of 12" corrugated pipe in the ditch on one side of the Trail that will be covered by a stone dust surface, with risers and cross pipes. The other ditch will remain open. Leaves will be blown to the covered side of the Trail and removed. The cost of materials is approximately \$9,000. The Holliston Lions Club has approved a donation of \$2,000 towards the cost of materials. Ken Henderson moved to expend up to \$2,500 for the purchase of drainage materials for the Phipps Tunnel drainage project, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 7-0-0.
  - c. **Casey's Area - Barriers/Crossings.** The Trails Committee further discussed the need for installation of temporary barriers behind Casey's.
7. **Beacon Installation.** Herb Brockert reported that the Highway Department should start work on installing the crossing lights at Route 16 next week. A gas line in the right of way will present an issue for this project. Herb also reported that an end-of-track bumper is available for installation along the Trail for historical interest.
8. **Dog Incident.** Martha Ellis reported that two large unleashed dogs scratched a bicyclist on the Trail. The matter was reported to the Holliston Police.
9. **Abutter's Letter.** Ken Henderson reported that the Board of Selectmen has approved the letter to abutters. Jeff Ritter will arrange for the mailing.
10. **CSX Discussions - Northerly Connection into Sherborn.** Robert Weidknecht reported that CSX wants to sell their Sherborn property to the Town of Sherborn. The Sherborn Trails Committee is trying to arrange funding for the purchase.

11. **Commercial Use of Trail.** Mark Kaplan reviewed a draft notice for use of the Trail by commercial entities. Mark will prepare a revised draft incorporating comments from members.
12. **Additional Bridge Projects.** The Committee discussed the remaining bridge projects along the Trail. Herb Brockert moved to expend up to \$2,500 for the purchase of lumber from Medway Lumber to be used for railings on unimproved bridges, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 7-0-0.
13. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2018 at 7 p.m.
14. **Meeting Adjournment.** Herb Brockert moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman