

## **HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: August 15, 2018

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert and Marc Connelly

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

**GUESTS:**

Ed Daniels  
Mary Greendale  
Cherie Hafford  
Mikela Hafford  
Pat Hafford  
David Nersessian  
Zack Nersessian  
Fran Patterson  
Bob Pierotti

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. **Interpretive Signs.** Mary Greendale gave a detailed presentation on research done to-date on historical materials that could be incorporated into interpretative signage along the Trail. A discussion followed, pursuant to which the Trails Committee requested that the signage focus on a few key locations, including Eight-Arch Bridge, the Holliston Mills, cranberry bogs, Phipps Tunnel, Mayflower Landing, Pout Lane/Wenakeening Woods and Braggville, with a focus on graphics rather than detailed text.
2. **Trail Etiquette Signs.** Cherie Hafford led a presentation on the "Friends of" group's Trail Etiquette Sign project. The purpose of the signs is to seek to ensure Trail safety and

harmony amongst Trail users. Cherie proposed installing signs at 12 access points and five parking areas. Large signs will be installed at access points and small signs will be posted every ¼ mile in between, using existing posts and mile markers. Current signs that are attached to trees will be moved to posts. Signage asking users to “Please be Quiet” will be posted near neighborhoods at locations designated by the Committee. All signs will be installed with one-way screws to discourage theft. Cherie will seek permission from Village Plaza to add a large sign abutting their property. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize the “Friends of” group to move forward with the Trail Etiquette project as presented, and consistent with direction provided by the Trails Committee. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

### **3. Invoices.**

- a. Milford 495 Rental Center. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Milford 495 Rental Center for maintenance equipment in the amount of \$22.74, to be payable from the Town Meeting 2017 Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- b. East Coast Crushing and Recycling. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to East Coast Crushing and Recycling for gravel in the amount of \$1,683.00, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- c. Kimball Sand Company. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Kimball Sand Company for stone dust and trucking in the amount of \$2,439.31, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- d. Kimball Sand Company. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Kimball Sand Company for stone dust and trucking in the amount of \$485.07, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- e. Holliston True Value. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for an asphalt rake in the amount of \$71.24, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- f. Holliston True Value. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for a pump sprayer in the amount of \$21.84, to be payable from the

Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

g. Medway Lumber. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Medway Lumber for railings/lumber in the amount of \$2,368.25, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

h. Perma-Line of New England. Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Perma-Line of New England for replacement signs in the amount of \$289.45, to be payable from the Transportation Bond Bill Account. Martha Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

4. **Discuss Gates or Bollards at Intersections.** Robert Weidknecht reported that, due to a recent incident at Lowland Street, Kevin Conley and the Holliston Police Department suggested installing bollards or gates at Trail intersections as a safety measure. A discussion followed, during which it was noted that gates and bollards are meant to stop cars, not people. It was further noted that bollards themselves can be safety hazards to trail users when it is dark out. AASHTO safety standards call for a stepped method, including installation of marked cross walks, advance stop signs and flashing beacons, before considering bollards or gates. The Trails Committee agreed that it was appropriate to follow current safety standards. The theft of stop signs at Lowland Street and other locations was also noted, and it was agreed that signs should be installed with one-way screws as a theft deterrent.

5. **Bench Locations North of Church Street.** Ken Henderson reported that he had identified appropriate bench locations in this area.

6. **Volunteer/Scout Projects.**

a. **Invasives Removal - Isabella Ceresia.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Isabella intends to move forward with this project this fall, between Exchange Street and the Water Street Mill buildings.

b. **Picnic Tables - Zack Nersessian.** Zack Nersessian proposed to install benches along the Trail as an Eagle Scout project. Given the commemorative bench program administered by the "Friends of" group, Zack agreed to lead an alternate project. Zack will install 2-3 ADA accessible picnic tables near the Story Book trail, Holliston Oil and another site to be determined. Zack hopes to complete this project in August

or September 2018. Ken Henderson will serve as Zack's coordinator with the Trails Committee.

7. **Trail Conditions - Casey's Area - Barriers/Crossings.** The Trails Committee further discussed the need for installation of temporary barriers behind Casey's and scheduled a site visit for Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
8. **Encroachments Letter.** Ken Henderson reported that a few letters to out-of town owners of abutting property had been returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. The owner of property at 95 Woodland Street sent a response reiterating an offer to buy or lease property on which he is encroaching.
9. **CSX Discussions - Northerly Connection into Sherborn.** Robert Weidknecht reported that CSX wants to sell their property heading northerly to the Town of Sherborn and Framingham. The Sherborn Trails Committee is trying to arrange funding for the purchase.
10. **Celebrate Holliston.** Martha Ellis proposed having the Trails Committee participate in this year's Celebrate Holliston parade on September 22, 2018. The Committee may not have a booth this year due to scheduling conflicts, but Ken Henderson may ride the utility cart in the parade.
11. **Signage at Blair Square.** The Committee noted recent discussion of signage on the Trail on the local Holliston Facebook page, and Blair Square in particular, as the site of frequent unauthorized signage. Ken Henderson moved to recommend to the Holliston Board of Selectmen that no signage should be permitted on the Trail's right of way. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
12. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.
13. **Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman