

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: June 13, 2019

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Martha Ellis, None

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Tina Hein

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Walking School Bus - Review.** Tina Hein reported that the Walking School Bus pilot program has been a success. There has been increasing participation, with around 17 students walking from Willow Brook Farm and around eight students walking from the Baptist Church. An end-of-school questionnaire will be circulated to see if the program has improved participant behavior. Tina will be meeting with the Director of Medway schools to learn about grant programs the Town of Medway has benefited from. The Committee identified the following uses of any grants that may be obtained by the program: trail accessibility at Arch Street Bridge; two street crossings at the Miller and Adams Schools; snow plowing on the trail for winter access, improvements at Axton Crossing.
2. **Invoices.**
 - a. Holliston True Value. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for hardware to hang equipment in the storage bin in the amount of \$54.43, to be payable from the Gift Account. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

3. **Parking Issues at Cross Street.** Ken Henderson reported that commercial truckers are frequently sleeping in their trucks for extended periods of time while parked at Cross Street, leaving no parking spots for Trail users. The truckers are also discarding personal waste in the parking area. The Committee discussed strategies for addressing this problem, including possible discussions with the Board of Selectmen and local businesses at Cross Street.
4. **Historical Exhibits - Status.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Cherie Hafford was trying to obtain higher resolution photographs for use on the exhibits.
5. **Zach Nersessian - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Committee members had been invited to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Zach Nersessian on June 9, 2019 at Christ the King Lutheran Church.
6. **Plant Material Donation Offered.** Ken Henderson reported that Mark Ahronian has offered to donate some plant materials for planting along the Trail. A discussion followed, during which the Committee identified potential locations for the plants.
7. **10th Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour.** Mark Kaplan reported that the artists at Holliston Mills would not be organizing an “art-on-the-trail” event in conjunction with the Mass. Walking Tour on June 17, 2019. Mark also provided an update on publicizing the event in local media.
8. **Letter on Encroachments - Selectmen.** Mark Kaplan led a discussion on the draft letter on encroachments to be sent to commercial abutters. Ken Henderson will forward it to Jeff Ritter for review with Town counsel. Chris Cain will obtain a mailing list of commercial abutters from the Assessors Office. Ken will coordinate the mailing with Jeff Ritter. Mark will draft another letter to be sent to residential abutters.
9. **Town Meeting - Warrant Article for Maintenance.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the warrant article to raise \$1,000 for trail maintenance was approved at Spring Town Meeting.
10. **Maintenance Equipment/Storage Bin.** The project to paint and repair the roof of the storage bin was rescheduled to Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
11. **Trail Conditions**
 - a. **Trail Damage.** Ken Henderson reported drainage issues at the Pulte Development and a small bubbling spring near the Milford town line.

12. **Set Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2019 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 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Weidknecht – Chairman