

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: December 18, 2019

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Marc Connelly, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis, Ken Henderson

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Bud Schmitt moved to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 4-0-0.
- 2. Cross Street - Barriers and Signs.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Trails Committee is not permitted to place no-parking signs on property not owned by the town, and will need to install jersey barriers to demarcate the Cross Street parking area on town property.
- 3. Invoices.**
 - a. Coastal Traffic, Inc. Marc Connelly moved to authorize partial payment to Coastal Traffic, Inc. for flashing solar beacons at South Street in the amount of \$5,077.23, to be payable from the TM October 2016 Account. The balance owed will be paid by the "Friends of" group. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

- b. Holliston True Value. Marc Connelly moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for two-cycle oil and WD-40 in the amount of \$22.31, to be payable from the TM October 2017 Account. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0-0 in favor. Herb Brockert then joined the meeting.

4. 8-Arch Bridge Order of Conditions. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Order of Conditions for the restoration of the 8-Arch Bridge is due to expire in March 2020. All work has been completed except for some tree work. The permit from the Conservation Commission should be closed out after completion of this work.

5. Bench Request - Site Review. Robert Weidknecht reported that a Holliston resident has asked to locate a memorial bench in the area of Little Folk Farm. The Trails Committee scheduled a site visit with the resident for Saturday November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Bicycle Pedicab Program - Status. Robert Weidknecht reported that John Losch has not been able to organize a committee to evaluate the viability of a pedicab program.

7. Land Donation - Generazio Property. Robert Weidknecht reported that town counsel is working on the paperwork to acquire the Generazio property.

8. Traffic Advisory Committee - Members - Status. Robert Weidknecht reported that participation on the Traffic Advisory Committee was not required of the Trails Committee, and that the Traffic Advisory Committee has held its first meeting.

9. Parking Near Mayflower Landing - Request. Robert Weidknecht reported that a resident has requested a parking area near Mayflower Landing and believes it is currently a safety issue for the neighborhood due to the narrow street width. Robert has drafted a design and sent it to Fafard Real Estate, to request that they remove a curb and install five parking spots.

10. Scout Projects -

- a. **Drew Mahoney – Railings Near Village Plaza.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Drew Mahoney has completed this project.
- b. **Mathew Walther - Railings Near Village Plaza.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Matthew Walther may not complete this project before winter.

11. Tree Cutting Requested at Lowland Street. Marc Connelly reported that the requested trimming of branches at Lowland Street could result in trees falling on the trail, and that further review of the request was needed.

12. Access Path to 1750 Washington Street; Crosswalk Near Johnson Drive. Herb Brockert and Robert Weidknecht will follow up on the status of the access path and crosswalk.

13. Blair Square Committee – Liaison Report. Herb Brockert reported that the Committee held a meeting last night. It has decided to route the trail on the CVS side of Blair Square; a structure with a wooden roof will be located on the opposite side of the Square. Their next meeting will be on-site to “paint” where other features will be located. The location for a bathroom is an open question. Engineering plans are being drafted to deal with standing water problems. It is anticipated that bricks will be sold for fundraising that will be installed in Blair Square.

14. MAPC Landlines - Potential Connections Between Trail and Ashland State Park. Robert Weidknecht reported that he conducted a site walk with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, which is trying to arrange for Bay Circuit Trail connections between the Rail Trail and Ashland State Park.

15. Trail Conditions – Phipps Tunnel – Drainage Design. Robert Weidknecht reported that Rick Irons at MathWorks is looking for volunteer opportunities; Robert could suggest raking out leaves from the ditches at Phipps Tunnel. After further discussion, Bud Schmitt moved to authorize payment to Village Green Landscaping in an amount up to \$1,500 to vacuum the leaves out of the ditches at Phipps Tunnel, to be payable from the Gift Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

16. Historical Exhibits - Status. Robert Weidknecht reported that he believes that the exhibits have been finalized and are ready for production.

17. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

18. Meeting Adjournment. Marc Connelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Weidknecht – Chairman