

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: February 19, 2020

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis and Bud Schmitt

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

GUESTS: Kathy Waters and Girl Scouts

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.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Marc Connelly seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
- 2. Public Comment.** Tina Hein reported that the Finance Committee is seeking an accounting of gift accounts from all Town committees. Tina also reported that the Town has hired a facilities manager, and asked the Trails Committee to consider any role the new hire could play in support of the Trail. In addition, Tina reported that she was seeking funding for improvements at Johnson Drive through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Complete Streets program.
- 3. Pollinator Hotel Presentation.** Members of Girl Scout Troop 75346 provided an update on their pollinator hotel project, and indicated that they are on track to start their project in May. The scouts

are planning to raise funds at an educational event in March, where they will host a cookie booth. The scouts will also sell hand-painted light-up globes, and displayed a sample globe.

4. Trail Counters (MAPC). Tina Hein led a discussion of possible uses of data gathered from the MAPC trail counters that have been installed along the trail. (Marc Connelly left the meeting.)

5. Cross Street - Barriers and Signs. Robert Weidknecht provided an update on the installation of barriers and signs for the parking area at Cross Street. Robert will draft a design for review by the Holliston Police Department.

6. Grants - Mass Trails for Drainage Improvement. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Select Board has approved a grant request for the drainage improvement project at Phipps Tunnel.

7. Parking Near Mayflower Landing - Request. Robert Weidknecht reported that he has not heard back from Fafard Real Estate on the request to remove a curb and install five parking spots near Mayflower Landing.

8. Scout Projects. Robert Weidknecht and Bud Schmidt have identified locations for Nicolas Doyle's picnic table project.

9. Encroachments - Commercial - Status of License Agreements. Ken Henderson reported that the Select Board has set the licensing fee for commercial encroachments at \$0.11 per square foot per year.

10. Blair Square Committee – Liaison Report. Herb Brockert reviewed the current design plan for Blair Square and reported that GLM needs to do a survey on the Casey's side of the project.

11. Trail Conditions.

- a. Repair Lawn at Blair Square. Robert Weidknecht reported that the lawn needs to be raked to repair the damage from First Night.
- b. Leaf Removal Between Phipps Tunnel and Lil Folk Farm. Robert Weidknecht reported that Marc Connelly is still working to identify a contractor for leaf removal.

12. Ashland Trail. Robert Weidknecht drafted a letter in support of the Town of Ashland's Mass. Trails grant.

13. Branson Parcel. Robert Weidknecht submitted a letter to the Select Board in support of the Town's acquisition of the Branson Parcel off South Street. Robert will attend a meeting of the Open Space Committee on January 27, 2020 to express support of this potential acquisition.

14. Griffin Electric Tree Trimming - Status. Robert Weidknecht reported that Griffin Electric has completed the tree trimming near Hopping Brook Road.

15. Historical Exhibits - Status. Robert Weidknecht reported that Mary Greendale informed him that the historical exhibits have been completed and she hopes to install them this spring.

16. Martha Ellis Birthday. Herb Brockert moved to formally wish Martha Ellis a happy birthday. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

17. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2020 at 7 p.m.

18. 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 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Weidknecht', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Robert Weidknecht – Chairman