

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Emergency Remote Participation

ISSUE DATE: January 12, 2021

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Bud Schmitt and Robert Weidknecht

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly, Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Tina Hein, Select Board
Travis Ahern, Town Administrator
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Emergency Remote Participation.** Robert Weidknecht reviewed the special procedures for conducting the Trails Committee meeting by remote participation.
2. **Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote by roll call in favor of the motion was 5-0-0.
3. **Invoices.**
 - a. Kimball Sand Company. Mark Kaplan moved to authorize payment to Kimball Sand Company for stone dust in the amount of \$363.97, to be payable from the Gift Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote by roll call was 5-0-0 in favor.

- b. Holliston True Value. Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for nuts, bolts and screwdrivers in the amount of \$13.86, to be payable from the 2019 Town Meeting Account. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote by roll call was 5-0-0 in favor.
4. **Trash Receptacles.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he heard that the Holliston Select Board discussed the student-led “Pick It Up” program and was moving forward with installation of one trash barrel at Blair Square. Ken Henderson indicated this would be a one-year pilot program.
5. **Encroachments.** The Committee discussed possible steps it could take to curtail residential dumping along the trail, including installation of signs at certain locations, and may take action next spring.
6. **Blair Square Committee - Liaison Report.** Herb Brockert reported that the Blair Square Committee did not meet this month, but that he met with local veterans to discuss a veteran’s park along the trail in the Blair Square area. A discussion followed.
7. **Trail Conditions - Phipps Tunnel.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the last effort to remove leaves from the drainage ditches at Phipps Tunnel was difficult. The leaves were too wet to vacuum and needed to be raked out manually. Robert will apply for a \$50,000 grant to cover the cost of remediating the chronic drainage issues at this location.
8. **Set Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.
9. **Meeting Adjournment.** Ken Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote by roll call for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chairman