

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Emergency Remote Participation

ISSUE DATE: August 19, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: Martha Ellis

PRESENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

ABSENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: Eddie Bombardieri, Mike Bombardieri

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. Approve Minutes from Prior Meetings.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.
- 2. Public Comment.** Robert Weidknecht reported that Chris Cain has asked the Trails Committee to consider conducting future meetings using a hybrid remote model. After discussion, the Committee agreed to do so if the required equipment was available.
- 3. Eagle Scout Project.** Eddie Bombardieri proposed using non-toxic pressure treated lumber rather than cedar for his Eagle Scout project due to the high cost of cedar. After discussion, the Committee agreed to this change.

4. Officer Vote-Vice Chair. Robert Weidknecht reported that Vice Chair was a required officer position. After discussion, Robert moved to elect Ken Henderson as Vice Chair of the Trails Committee. Mark Kaplan seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was 6-0-0.

5. 56 Lowland Street - Review and Comment. Robert Weidknecht reported that the Trails Committee may be asked for its input on the proposed use of 56 Lowland Street as a marijuana cultivation facility. After discussion, the Committee would like to see that the facility address roof drainage, tree landscaping, HVAC noise, graffiti remediation and trail parking, among other matters.

6. Tropical Storm Elsa and Resulting Damage. Robert Weidknecht led a discussion of damage to the trail at the following locations:

- a. 1508 Washington Street- Driveway overflow (N.E. Sand and Gravel)
- b. 1490 Washington Street drainage- new pipe and surface repair
- c. West of 1490- unmitigated runoff
- d. Culvert east of Summer Street
- e. Phipps Tunnel- damage upwelling at center of tunnel
- f. 1818 Washington Street (east of Monroe Drive)
- g. Monroe Drive to 1750 Washington Street

7. Invoices.

- a. Holliston True Value. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for cans of paint in the amount of \$15.96, to be payable from the 2019 Town Meeting Maintenance Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.
- b. Holliston True Value. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment to Holliston True Value for cans of paint in the amount of \$8.16, to be payable from the 2019 Town Meeting Maintenance Account. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 6-0-0 in favor.

8. Trail Counter Quote. Robert Weidknecht reported that he obtained a quote for a trail counter. After discussion, the Trails Committee decided not to make the purchase but would not be opposed if another town entity would like to buy it.

9. Summer Street Signal - Light Bars. Robert Weidknecht reported that he obtained a quote of \$1,700 to upgrade the signal at Summer Street. The Trails Committee believed this quote was too expensive and will consider alternative solutions.

- 10. Site Meeting with Regal Street Residential Abutters.** Robert Weidknecht reported that he was not able to obtain email addresses for residents of the neighborhood. He will refer the proposed site meeting back to Tina Hein.
- 11. Complete Streets Program.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Complete Streets Program has compiled a list of priorities that includes certain trail intersections. Implementation is subject to obtaining funding for this program.
- 12. Comprehensive Long Range Planning.** Ken Henderson reported that the Comprehensive Long Range Planning Committee held an initial meeting and reviewed existing long-range plans. The committee will become active in the fall.
- 13. Brush Cutting.** The Trails Committee discussed renting a DR Brush Hog from 495 Rentals to trim the sides of the trail. This project was tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2021.
- 14. Set Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.
- 15. Meeting Adjournment.** Mark Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht – Chair