

## HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Holliston Town Hall

ISSUE DATE: May 29, 2013

PRESENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Herb Brockert, Melissa Halstead, Ken Henderson, Mark Kaplan, Matt Varrell, Robert Weidknecht and Martha Ellis

ABSENT  
VOTING MEMBERS: Marc Connelly

GUESTS: None

PREPARED BY: Mark Kaplan

COPIES TO: Jay Leary, Board of Selectmen  
Michelle Johnson, Finance Committee  
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator  
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk  
Karen Sherman, Town Planner

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2013 Meeting.** Ken Henderson moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting of the Holliston Trails Committee. Melissa Halstead seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
2. **Scout Project.**
  - a. **Ben Flanagan, Scout Project:** The posts required for the project have been delivered to Ben. Ben will buy the wood needed to build the kiosk and be reimbursed by the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee reviewed the design of the street signs. The stop signs have been purchased.
  - b. **Jeremy Paradie, Scout Project:** Robert Weidknecht reported that he approved a scout project to remove and dispose of the approximately 200 railroad ties between South Street and the Milford town line.
3. **National Honor Society Leadership Project.**
  - a. **Alaina Fierro:** Alaina will organize and lead a cleanup project over the summer from Hopping Brook Road to Chestnut Street.

4. **Community Service Day:** Ken Henderson announced that the Adams School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class wants to do a cleanup project on June 5, 2013. The class will work on the section of the trail from Chestnut Street to Village Plaza.
5. **Invoices:**
  - a. Robert Weidknecht. Ken Henderson moved to authorize payment for 10 posts for use in Ben Flanagan's eagle project in the amount of \$185.70 to reimburse Robert Weidknecht for his out of pocket expenditure, to be paid from the DCR \$800K grant. Herb Brockert seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - b. Permaline Corp of New England. Melissa Halstead moved to authorize payment for 20 stop signs for use in Ben Flanagan's eagle project in the amount of \$316.50, to be paid from the DCR \$800K grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - c. Herb Brockert. Martha Ellis moved to authorize payment for a granite post from Swensen Granite Works in connection with signage for the ALIM parcel in the amount of \$144.25 to reimburse Herb Brockert for his out of pocket expenditure, to be paid from the DCR \$800K grant. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
6. **Use of DCR \$800K Grant:** Robert Weidknecht led a general discussion about potential uses for the remaining \$5-\$8,000 in the DCR \$800K grant that needs to be expended by June 30, 2013.
  - a. Matt Varrell moved to authorize Herb Brockert to spend up to \$1,000 for concrete blocks to be used in the repair of the Arch Street bridge, to be paid from the DCR \$800K grant. Melissa Halstead seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
  - b. The Trails Committee requested that Herb Brockert obtain quotes for installation of gravel to be spread on the trail.
7. **Mosquito Control--Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road Section:** Robert Weidknecht reported that Central Mass. Mosquito Control will clean the drainage channels in October.
8. **Booths at Earth Day Recycling Fair and Spring Stroll.** Robert Weidknecht reported that the Committee's booths at the Recycling Fair fundraiser on April 20, 2013, and near the Gazebo at Blair Square during the Spring Stroll on April 27, 2013 generated interest in the Rail Trail.
9. **Blair Square Planning Discussion:** Matt Varrell led a discussion about the status of general planning efforts to develop and design a plan for Blair Square and the area behind Casey's Public House. The parking situation on the trail behind Casey's was identified as a

safety concern for the Town that would become more serious as that section of the trail was developed and received more use. Matt agreed to contact the Board of Selectmen to inquire about Town resources available for this project.

10. **Coordination with "Friends of" Group.** Melissa Halstead and Robert Weidknecht informed the Trails Committee of the status of the Friends of Group's fund raising efforts. Melissa reported that they are looking to the Trails Committee for direction as to what types of programs they can establish which involve signage, sponsorship of trail sections, and installation of benches and the like. The Trails Committee noted the need to design a general development plan before extensive fund raising efforts can commence. The Trails Committee agreed to meet at the Gazebo on June 1, 2013 at 10 a.m. to identify sites along the trail that could be dedicated to fund raising efforts.
11. **Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2013 at 7 pm (later changed to May 29, 2013).
12. **Meeting Adjournment.** Herb Brockert moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Henderson seconded the motion, and the vote for adjournment was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Weidknecht - Chairman