

HOLLISTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM (Hybrid Participation)

ISSUE DATE: December 27, 2023

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

VOTING MEMBERS: None

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: None

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Chris Cain

GUESTS: None

PREPARED BY: Bud Schmitt

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 approve the minutes of the previous Holliston Trails Committee Meeting of October 25, 2023. Herb Brockert seconded the motion. The motion was 7-0-0 in favor.
- 3. Public Comment:** None

4. Invoices:

- a) Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Cavicchio Greenhouses for \$275.00 for additional materials for the plantings at Lowland St from the Maintenance account. Total was \$3,135.00 for the project. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.
- b) Herb Brockert moved to authorize payment to Holliston Hardware for \$78.29 for paint and supplies for the Bumper Stop at Lowland St. from the Maintenance Account. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion and the vote was 7-0-0 in favor.

5. Scout Project: Ryan Lukowiak had to modify his plan to the Scout Council for the new Railings at Hopping Brook (Solect) Bridge. Also, Ryan is searching for more funding for project materials. Perhaps the Friends of Holliston Trails may be willing to help. Timeline is TBD.

6. Mass Trails Grant. Robert Weidknecht is applying for Grant to help with new drainage pipe installation on the west side of the Phipps Tunnel. Herb Brockert will check with Rob Walker at DPW to see if we can get any dig assistance help for this project.

7. Phipps Tunnel. Robert Weidknecht stated that we are still awaiting the status of a consultant report for the tunnel.

8. Trail Conditions:

- a) The town is awaiting some parts to help fix the broken East Crossing Signal at Central St. at Blair Square.
- b) Tree Maintenance: We can consider using the money from the Gift Account (approx. \$32K) for some major tree maintenance. Herb Brockert will check with Rob Walker to see what the DPW could do to help with Manpower and Equipment.
- c) Leaves on the East Side of Phipps Tunnel: Herb Brockert is to check with DPW to see if we they could help to vacuum up leaves on the East side of the tunnel.
- d) Discussion of areas with drainage problems including the area on either side of Monroe Dr. but mostly the East Side where the trail is most wet. This includes the need for additional Stone Dust, raising the trail bed, and possible new pipe drains.
- e) The Drainage at the Gossel and Dellicker Buildings parking lots is still a persistent problem. The new pipe system installed to divert the water is working well at the southerly crossing.
- f) Need more Stone dust underneath the Guard Rail Posts behind Casey's to prevent weeds from cropping up.
- g) Cote Automotive: explore a possible project to channel water under the trail to a small catch basin to alleviate the wet trail conditions. Also, Bud Schmitt will contact the owner of Cote Automotive to move the equipment display he set up in the trail boundaries on an abandoned cement slab.

9. Set Next Meeting Date: Next Meeting set for Wednesday December 27, 2023.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Ken Henderson motioned to adjourn meeting. Bud Schmitt seconded the motion and vote was 7-0-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RW', is located below the text 'Respectfully Submitted'.

Robert Weidknecht, Chair