

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – April 12, 2018

LOCATION: *Center School Office Building, 2nd floor Conference Room*

VOTING ATTENDEES: *Gary Staab (GS), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP)*

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: *Tom Chamberland (TC), Richard Paradise (RP), Darcy Foley (DF) arrived 7:35, Chris Trajkovski (CT)*

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: *7:05 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- *Review of the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes. DP seconds motion. Vote 3-0 to approve.*

BUDGET:

- *\$51.45 expenditure for legal ad for parking lot at OSV*
- *Purchased more lumber for posts and signs*

TEA GRANT:

- *TC did get a response back from the MDOT project manager. MDOT indicates funds need to be transferred to Federal Agency in next fiscal year. TC raised issue to Todd Smola. Todd Smola and Sturbridge town representatives will meet with MDOT to move this along.*

BIKE FRIENDLY STREETS – *No update*

ANNUAL GOALS: *No update*

FROST UPDATE:

- *FROST reached fund raising goal of \$500 for STC tools.*

GRANTS:

- *FR applied for TLGV Grant for Cleanup funds for 2018 Earth Day cleanup.*

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: *No update*

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

- *April 11, 2018 – 6:30 pm Open Space meeting at Publick House was represented by STC. We are out of Sturbridge Trail Maps. STA will reprint the Sturbridge Trail Guide next year.*
- *STC has paid membership to American Trails*
- *Conservation Agent is looking for student assistance for interpretive displays for:*

- *dam removal process*
- *camp robinson crusoe history*
- *environmental information (e.g. native brook trout)*

TRHS students will take on this project under the guidance of a couple of high school teachers.

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- April 21, 2018 – Earth Day.
 - STC to meet at sheds at 7:30
 - Clean some of remote trails
 - Pick-up trash on main trail heads
 - Heins Farm – cleanup Christmas trees
- Plimpton Property
 - GPS of trails not correlating with wetlands maps and JF's map. STC needs to cleanup trail indications on map. NOI will take some time because of endangered species on property.
 - Shed on Plimpton will be knocked down and removed. BG to make request to ConCom for future building at the shed site.
 - Parking lot plan. ConCom and Opacum need to approve.

TA UPDATE: no update

ConCom MEETINGS:

- Village parking lot is approved
- STC still needs to work on other expired permits

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 21, 2018 Earth Day Cleanup

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Barnes to help with tracking of volunteer hours
- Ed Smith will be checked out as Skid Steer operator
- Alan Curboy at 75 River Road owns an acre and half of land that has an access road to Calcutta bridge. He is willing to sell the property to the town.
- DP pin flagged the Ledges trail

NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: 8:55 PM