

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2017

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

ATTENDEES: *Brandon Goodwin (BG), Gary Staab (GS), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Bill Cunningham (BC)*

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: *Tom Chamberland (TC), Rich Paradise (RP), Darcy Foley (DF)*

GUESTS: *Dave Barnicle (DB)*

CALL TO ORDER: *7:07 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes with change for second date to May 11th. BG seconds motion. Vote 5-0 to approve.

BUDGET:

- RTV has been ordered and due to arrive the end of August
- Driveway surfacing machine is in
- Signs are in for "Trail Closed – Do Not Enter" (quantity of 6)

TEA GRANT: *No update*

BIKE FRIENDLY STREETS – no update

FROST UPDATE:

- Banner (2 x 6 ft) is in now
- Gary to draft email to solicit people to join FROST.

GRANTS:

- After Riverlands parking lot is approved, committee should consider putting in DCR grant to assist with Riverlands trail build out.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: *No update*

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

- Bike rides led by Chris (July 25 at 5:30) and Darcy were well received. Total of 25 people participated.
- Darcy and Chris will continue to offer these rides as they can

Trail Workdays:

July 15 Workday:

- Spread gravel on Pinelands trail
- Heins Farm loop trail

August 19th Workday at Plimpton: *Geo-cache group coming*

- 7 am – STC meet at Sheds

- 8 am - Volunteers meet at Plimpton Kiosk
- Equipment: Excavator, UTV,
- Tools: Shovels, racks, D-whips, Posts
- Plimpton - review water crossings so NOIs can be created
- Plimpton - Install sign at New Boston Road
- Plimpton Loop - blaze trail (yellow paint), install posts
- Holden Trail - clean and mark with red paint
- Field Trail - clean and paint
- Oxbow Trail - mow, post, and paint
- Hamilton Trail - flagged and cleaned

August 21 - Seven Ridges and Link trail walk

- ConCom members invited
- Identify places that require NOI

TA UPDATE: no update

ConCom Meetings:

- BG to work with Conservation Agent to review all pending NOIs
 - NOI - Beaver Deceiver
 - NOI - Seven Ridges
 - NOI - Plimpton seasonal run-off
- BG to determine whether ConCom or STC will pay for NOI fees

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trail updates
 - Plimpton - Walked and marked ridge trail with Casper (Boy Scout)
- Mass Trails Conference - Leominster Hilton, Nov. 4
- Review Master Plan:
 - BG to post on google doc. Rest of committee to review and comment.
- Need shed expansion to house new equipment (target for next fall)

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

BG makes motion to adjourn. TC seconds motion. Vote 5-0.

ADJOURN: 8:59 PM