

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2019**

**LOCATION:** *Center School Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room*

**VOTING ATTENDEES:** *Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), no quorum*

**ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES:** *Tom Chamberland (TC), Richard Paradise (RP)*

**GUESTS:** *Dave Barnicle, Becky (Conservation Agent)*

**CALL TO ORDER:** *7:08 PM*

**REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

- *No review of Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes since no quorem.*

**BUDGET:**

- *Only \$500 left in shed addition build out.*
- *STC request for SCA this upcoming year was not approved by SCA. We are on the SCA wait list now.*
- *Betterment committee approved our three requests: flail mower, trailer for log, tool replacement*

**TEA GRANT:**

- *No update*

**BIKE FRIENDLY STREETS:**

- *No update*

**ANNUAL GOALS:**

- *No update*

**FROST UPDATE:**

- *No update*

**GRANTS:**

- *Two grants submitted to MassTrails*
  - *Riverlands Parking Lot and 2300 feet of trail*
    - *Grant request = \$44,390.00*
    - *Town Match = \$29,480.16*
    - *Total = \$73,870.16*
  - *Feasibility Study for central section of GTT through Sturbridge*
    - *Grant request = \$12,865.00*
    - *Town Match = \$ 5,637.60*
    - *Total = \$18,502.60*
- *Earth Day grant – \$500, Riverlands, April 13 backup April 27*

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL:**

- *No update*

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

- *Consider working with other trail committees (e.g. Holland)*

**TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:**

- Planning session at 8:00 am on Mar. 9th

**TA UPDATE:**

- No Update

**ConCom MEETINGS:**

**Meeting with Becky:**

**CA Wants to work on:**

Leadmine: forestry stewardship plan, Liz Noolan (Fish and Wildlife), feedback on trails and their impact on the habitat. What are long term management plans for properties? As Conservation Restriction holders (Opacum, Fish and Wildlife), they want to understand the plans for the property.

Develop GIS story maps – identify significant features along trails  
GPS – Conservation Agent working to get all trails GPSed for trail map. Need to borrow equipment from Tighe and Bond to do GPS.

Maintenance on Seven Ridges Trail per Fish and Wildlife

Long Pond – no STC plans for this property

Heins Farm – just beaver dams to deal with. ConCom will request permit to remove dams from the Board of Health

Structures need to come down on Plimpton and Heins Farm. ConCom will take care of this. CR does include the opportunity rebuild on Plimpton.

Adopt-a-Trail – CA is all for it. Managed by ConCom. If ConCom doesn't want to manage it then it should come off the books. Maybe the program needs more structure in terms of what the expectations are for managing their section of trail.

Educational opportunities for trail education: Burgess Trail

Tasks for CA: CRs, open permits, extend Mt. Laurel permit

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Luminary Hike: Need to determine date and place

**NEXT MEETING:** March 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURN:** 9:05 PM