

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2017

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

ATTENDEES: *Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP)*

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

GUESTS: *David Barnicle (DB)*

CALL TO ORDER: *7:04 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the May 11, 2017 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the May 11, 2017 meeting minutes with a change of “saw horse legs” to “saw horses”. RP seconds motion. Vote 3-0 to approve.

BUDGET: *Started spending some money.*

- \$7600 for SCA crew.
- Pinelands bridge materials
- Perma line trail signs

SCA Crew Update:

*Mt. Laurel – SCA crew completed almost all of the Mt. Laurel trail
Mt. Laurel – Bridge 3 area needs to be finished up (approximately 500 feet)*

*Sand Hill – SCA crew completed a third of the Sand Hill trail
Feedback – the SCA crew indicated this was a great “hitch” for them.
STC hit a grand slam in exercising all their skills during the 10 day hitch.*

National Trails Day Wrap Up:

- *A lot of good feedback on the event encompassing the run, expert mountain bike ride, intermediate mountain bike ride, and SCA activities.*
- *Really need longer single track trails to attract expert mountain bike riders. There are “social” bike trails on Leadmine that STC should review and consider adopting to increase overall single track length.*
- *May want to consider changing the date of this event so it does not conflict with other activities. Some proposed times include the third or fourth week in June.*

Douty Farm Wrap Up:

- *Article 7 did not get approved at town meeting. The Douty road property would have been great to connect the Heins Farm and Riverlands property.*
- *STC needs to stay in tune with the progress on this development project*

TEA GRANT: No update

Bike Friendly Streets – no update

FROST UPDATE: Banner is coming soon. \$350 earmarked for STC tools.

GRANTS:

- Combine with Southbridge for a National Park Service grant. Asking for design assistance for getting GTT from River Road over Rt. 84 and onto OSV.
- BG motions to submit a combined request for design assistance with Southbridge (possible Dudley and Brimfield also) to the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. Seconded by DF. Vote 3-0.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: No update

PUBLIC OUTREACH: No update

June 17 Workday:

- Work on Leadmine mountain culvert. Haul gravel.
- Pinelands trail gravel

July 15 Workday:

- Timber mat bridge work
- Complete Plimpton loop trail clearing
- Mt. Laurel bridge 3 to Cow Stile trail clearing

TA UPDATE: no update

ConCom Meetings: no update

OLD BUSINESS:

- Boy Scout has walked the potential Ridge trail at Plimpton. He has expressed interest in building some portion of this trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Schedule a regular monthly ride for intermediate and expert mountain bikers. Will post onto Trek facebook page. June 27 guided intermediate mountain bike trail ride at 5 pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

BG makes motion to adjourn. TC seconds motion. Vote 3-0.

ADJOURN: 8:46 PM