

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – March 16, 2017**

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

**ATTENDEES:** Brandon Goodwin (BG), Gary Staab (GS), Fritz Reeve (FR), Dave Peterkin (DP),

**ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES:** Tom Chamberland (TC), Bill Cunningham (BC)

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 PM

#### **STC MEMBERSHIP:**

Bill Cunningham put in paperwork to move to a voting member. Pat McGarrah will move to associate member. Darcy Foley submitted paperwork to fill last associated member position.

**REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** No minutes to review

**ConCom Meetings:** BG spoke to Conservation Agent to review White and Plimpton trails.

- Wooden sign for adopt a trail needs to be revisited.
- CA on-board with beaver deceiver
- CA ok with Riverlands parking lot design
- White Trail – CA wants STC to flag where the crossing will be on the trail. Once completed, CA will walk the trail and approve
- Shattuck Road gate – needs to be replaced
- Requested to see exercise stations along some trails
- Requested to see mileage delineation markers such as quarter mile on trails

#### **DISCUSSION OF SPRING/SUMMER WORK PLANS:**

##### **Plimpton Property:**

##### **Name the trails:**

Trail Name	Trail Designation	Color	Remarks	STC Priority
Holden Trail	GT	Red	From New Boston Rd west toward cedar st. Old road – will serve as main trail	1
Plimpton Loop	TT	Yellow	starts at intersection of Holden trail going south along west boundary, turns east then north back to Holden Trail. Will build in 2 phases.	1

			See pics 1,2,3,5, 30, 32, 13, 14	
Town Line loop	ST-1	Blue	third trail off Holden on right going N, to top of Hill at town line, & return Pics 6,7,8,9,10,11	2
Field Trail	TT	Green	1 <sup>st</sup> trail on right off Holden – at Kiosk, build in phases, Phase 1 thru field, Phase 2 old rd to ballfield, phase 3 to Allen rd end of trail, location TBD with ball fields section area only basic work	2
Hawk Spur trail	TT	Purple	Side trail along section of Plimpton trail see pic 12	1
Upper Pond trail	ST-3	Yellow/ black	Trail to third pond overlook, Pic15	3
Hamilton Trail	ST-1	Orange	Trail off Plimpton connecting to the HRG trail system – need final agreement – signs – Pic 16	3
Cedar St Link	ST-1	Gray	Trail off Plimpton to cedar St, need HRG agreement Bridge design and permitting– signs Pics 24,25,26,27,28,29, 31, 30	3

*BG motions to take a vote of the Plimpton trail names, designations, and priorities as documented. BC seconds motion. Vote 4-0*

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

*EARTH DAY – Plimpton trails work*

*National Trails Day – June 3, 2017: Do some celebration activity in the afternoon.*

#### **Masterplan:**

*Build schedule to execute against masterplan. This will be focus for next meeting.*

#### **PROJECT PLAN 2017:**

*April 15 – Need to prep for Plimpton work for upcoming April 22 Earth Day Scope out trails to see what can be cleaned up, mark it,*

*April 22 – Actual workday cleanup*

*May 20 – general trail cleanup for Heins Farm and Leadmine. Prep for National Trails day. Cleanup Burgess Trail. Make sure we are prepped for SCA team (timbers close to bridge site, flag the white trail, ledges, and sand hill route for them)*

June 17 – Replace second Pinelands bridge. Spread gravel on Pinelands and Leadmine Mountain trail. Extend Pinelands trail to the Pond Loop trail.

July 15 – TBD

August 19 – TBD

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- SCA arriving on May 30 and leaving on June 9, 2017

**NEXT MEETING:** April 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Agenda:

Plan out work to achieve gaps in Master Plan

Fish and Wildlife strategies

Events

**ADJOURN:** 8:25 PM