

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 2018

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

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

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

GUESTS: *Ed Smith*

CALL TO ORDER: *7:03 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- *Review of the February 8, 2018 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the February 8, 2018 meeting minutes. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.*

BUDGET:

- *Little change to budget. A few items purchased.*
- *Did get funding for shed improvements and tools from Betterment Committee subject to town meeting vote.*

TEA GRANT: *No update*

BIKE FRIENDLY STREETS – *No update*

ANNUAL GOALS: *No update*

FROST UPDATE: *No update*

GRANTS:

- *TLGV Grant for Cleanup funds for Earth Day cleanup. FR to get grant in ASAP.*

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: *No update*

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

- *April 11, 2018 – 6:30 pm Open Space meeting at Publick House. STC invited to display STC content at this meeting.*
- *Request Tantasqua Regional HS National Honor Society volunteers for work on Plimpton Property*
- *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)*

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- *April 21, 2018 – Earth Day.*
 - *Clean some of remote trails*

- Pick-up trash on main trail heads
- Heins Farm
 - Heins Farm Parking Lot extension. TC presented proposal to extend the existing Heins Farm parking lot to allow 7 more cars.
 - Clemson Pipe (Beaver Deceiver) installation
 - Greg Morse will be taking down sheds. Shed on Cabin Loop trail will be removed.
- Plimpton Property
 - GPS trails
 - Mower and brush hog for trails. Maybe need brontosaurus attachment.
 - 5 Stream crossings on property. Conservation Agent is suggesting bridges instead of culverts. STC is working with Agent to determine where culverts could go.
 - 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.
- Leadmine
 - SCA crew scheduled for June 4 - 13. Hitch group working for 10 days on Ledges Trail, Sand Hill, Burgess, and maybe Plimpton.

TA UPDATE: no update

ConCom MEETINGS:

- OSV Parking lot approved by ConCom
- STC still needs to work on other expired permits

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 11, 2018 Open Space Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: 9:27 PM