

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – May 11, 2017

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

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

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

GUESTS: *Casper Mazieka (CM)*

CALL TO ORDER: *7:12 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the March 16, 2017 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the March 16, 2017 meeting minutes as written. BC seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Review of the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes as written. BC seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

Casper M. is here to request an Eagle Scout project building a trail on the Plimpton property. He would have the support of the entire troop 161. TC mentioned that previous Eagle Scout work is typically 600 feet of trail. Some ideas proposed by TC include:

- **Cutting the Field Ridge Trail along the ridge by the open field.**
- **Town Line trail cut to keep it on the Plimpton property.**

BUDGET: Held off on ordering trail signs for Plimpton trails for now. TC did receive TLGV Cleanup fund grant money of \$500. FR will send electronic copy of grant to TC for submittal to town controller. TC put in the purchase order for the SCA team today.

TEA GRANT: Mass HW and Virginia contractor need to agree on financial figures of project before the town can move forward. TC is drafting the Challenge Partner Agreement between the Army Core of Engineers and the town of Sturbridge.

Bike Friendly Streets – no update

FROST UPDATE: *Provided port-o-potty for Plimpton cleanup day. The next FROST board meeting is May 16 at 7 pm.*

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: *No update*

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

*June 3 – National Trails Day. Biking, Hiking, Geocaching
June 5 – SCA crew working on Burgess Discovery Trail. DF to request assistance of TRHS students to assist.
Hike-it-Baby club schedules local hikes. May reach out to them for some upcoming trail events.*

Regional Trails Meeting – next meeting on May 23 at 7 pm in Southbridge Police station meeting room. Mass HW is revising the state bike plan and the towns need to re-align to the new plan. Palmer and Dudley are being added to meeting so there is a comprehensive view into the Titanic Rail trail.

May 18

- Flag the route for SCA – Ledges trail
- Flag the route for SCA – Sand Hill trail
- Meeting with TA = TC going

May 20 Workday:

- Flag the route for SCA – Mt. Laurel
- Bridge 1, 2, and 3 construction prep
- Northern Tree cleanup on Leadmine trails
- Determine length of bridges on Mt. Laurel
- Cut up 30" decking for bridges to be built by SCA

June 3 National Trails Day

- Trail building event by SCA crew
- STA provided \$500 for trails day. Could use for port-o-potty and ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Events:
 - 8:00 am advanced bike ride
 - 8:15 am trail run
 - 10:00 family bike ride (easy)
 - 10:15 am SCA leave no trace hike
 - lunch – ceremony
 - 1:00 SCA trail building

May 30 – June 7 SCA work (9 hr days, leaving around noon on June 7)

- Focusing on leadmine trails starting with Mt. Laurel trail and building the bridges.
- Burgess trail completion work
- June 3 trail building event by SCA crew

TA UPDATE:

- Need to get TA to help with OSV easement for Riverlands parking lot.

ConCom Meetings: no update

OLD BUSINESS:

- TC approved to purchase Plimpton trail signs

NEW BUSINESS:

- TLGV will be bestowing a Volunteer of the Year award to Tom Chamberland.
- TC identified a few hazardous trees on trails. Really need to have a physical barrier to temporarily close off trails. TC made request to TRHS carpentry class for saw horses.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: 9:46 PM