

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – September 13, 2018

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

VOTING ATTENDEES: *Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Darcy Foley (DF)*

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

GUESTS: *Nick Sokol*

CALL TO ORDER: *7:07 PM*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- *Review of the May 17, 2018 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the May 17, 2018 meeting minutes. DP seconds motion. Vote 3-0 to approve.*
- *Review of the June 14, 2018 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the June 14, 2018 meeting minutes. DF seconds motion. Vote 2-0-1 to approve.*
- *Review of the August 17, 2018 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the August 17, 2018 meeting minutes. DP seconds motion. Vote 2-0-1 to approve.*

BUDGET:

- *TC purchased two plastics boxes for the traffic counters that totaled \$245.36*

TEA GRANT:

- *Mass Hwy has sent their version of the agreement to the Eastern Federal Lands. The Town of Sturbridge will not get to see the agreement until Eastern Federal Lands has signed the agreement.*

BIKE FRIENDLY STREETS: *No update*

ANNUAL GOALS: *No update*

FROST UPDATE:

- *BOD meeting on Monday, Sep. 17th at 7 pm at Center School*
- *Membership is 36 strong with close to 1000 likes on Facebook*
- *STC should look into a way to join FROST through the website*

GRANTS: *No Update*

ADOPT-A-TRAIL: *No update*

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

- *Sep. 24th - TC to present trails to Rotary Club*
- *Eagle Scout project is on track*

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- *September 15 Trail Workday*

- Meet 7:30 at sheds
- Volunteers to meet at 197 Leadmine Mountain
- We need to focus on trail maintenance
- Mt. Laurel trail is very over grown – needs maintenance
- Skid Steer coming – finish on Leadmine Trail
- Tractor for Pond Loop Trail

TA UPDATE:

- TA last day is Sep. 14th
- Interim TA is Ted
 - New TA has requested Becky to work on our pending easements

ConCom MEETINGS:

- Becky requested to have some time on our agenda for our next meeting
 - Discuss our status with the Plimpton Property

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sep. 19, 2018 Opacum meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- DF finished GPSing the trails and gave the data to Becky
- Trail Guide is being updated with new trail data and descriptions
 - Want to put trails onto topology map instead of ortho map
- Heins Farm parking lot expansion approved by ConCom
- Plimpton Parking Lot
 - Parking lot plans are done and BG will present plans to ConCom
- Riverlands Parking Lot
 - TC continues to work with Green Hill Engineering for Phase 1 Engineering Design
- CA went before CPA to request budget to tear down shed on Plimpton property
- TC and RP to put a plan in place to start shed addition. TC will get permit and contact school to let them know STC wants them to build the shed.
- Becky G. wants to know if STC would like her to go on TLGV hike
- Oct. 6th – Walktober – accessibility hike – go grit headquartered in boston they make a wheelchair drive by hand motion so they can get onto trails.
- Oct. 27th – 9-11: 2 mile walk. Leadmine Mt.
- DF indicated that TRHS cross country team is now hosting 4 home matches. This is up from 1 last year.
- STC is looking for a separate single-track trail crew. Need to discuss this further and get someone to drive this effort.

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: 8:48 PM