

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2020

LOCATION: *Conference Call*

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

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: *Tom Chamberland (TC)*

GUESTS: *Dave Barnicle (DB), Jeff Bridges (JB)*

RECORDED BY: *Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary*

CALL TO ORDER: *4:04 PM*

Trail Counter Data:

- *None update*

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- *Review of June 17, 2020 meeting minutes. TC motions to accept meeting minutes as amended to correct wording in Budget section. BG seconds motions. Vote 3-0.*
- *Review of July 15, 2020 meeting minutes. TC motions to accept meeting minutes as written. BG seconds motions. Vote 3-0.*

BUDGET:

- *No update*

Sinuosity:

- *Will come down and map out trails in September*
- *Only issue is traveling down from VT to Sturbridge, MA due to COVID-19*

TEA GRANT:

- *The cost has been moving which is making the funding for this program more challenging.*

GRANTS:

- *State grants –*
 - *2020 Grants- awarded now*
 - *Flow trails on Riverlands – grant \$50K awarded now. Sinuosity will be down to map out trails in September.*
 - *GTT Construction from TEA Grant – Awarded \$150K grant for permitting and construction. Challenge partnership agreement going before Town Selectman tonight.*
 - *2019 Previously awarded grants*
 - *Riverlands Parking Lot and First 2000 survey. Trees have been cleared now. DPW will get to this in the September/October timeframe.*
 - *GTT feasibility report – submitted for final comment from Federal Highway. Should have all feedback by September.*
- *Local grants – none*

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- July 18 Trail Day
 - Meet at 197 Leadmine @ 8 am
 - Rock removal from trails
 - Trail clearing
 - Paint trail markings Cow Stile
 - Sealing bridge decks
- August 15 Trail Day
 - Meet at 197 Leadmine @ 8 am
 - Leadmine Trail bridge railings removed in preparation for re-decking of that bridge
 - Trail clearing
 - Paint trail markings on Leadmine Trail
- 29 hours to clean up after hurricane damage
- September 19 Trail Day
 - Work on washed out sections of Arbutus Park trail
 - Work on Sand Hill trail
 - Plimpton work as well

TA UPDATE:

- TEA Grant follow-up

FROST UPDATE:

- No update

ConCom MEETINGS:

- No outstanding issues to address right now

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Troll game update
- August 26: @ 8 am at Heins Farm parking lot. NHS students working on trails that morning
- Sept 3: WPI students working on conceptual design for 465 main street.
- There may be an opportunity to pickup additional projects for WPI students since many of their international projects have slowed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Facilities mgr asking about information on 70 Cedar Street. This is a parcel that is being looked at as a potential site for the new Senior Center. There are old cart roads on the property. TC and DP will go out and GPS the existing trails on the property.

NEXT MEETING: Sep 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. DP seconds motions. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM