

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – February 10, 2021

LOCATION: Conference Call

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Richard Paradise (RP)

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC)

GUESTS: Dave Barnicle (DB)

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 4:05 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- None update

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- FR to review recording from January meeting and convert to meeting minutes.

BUDGET:

- No big change in budget expenditures this month
- \$600 towards survey work associated with GTT trail (75 Farquar Road, Latoie property)
- TC plans to put an order in for additional signs
- TC to provide a full budget report for March meeting

Sinuosity:

- STC to review Sinuosity proposals provided

TEA GRANT:

- Eastern Federal Lands had a project management change but do not expect to have effect on overall project
- TC submitted MassTrails grant for \$300K to help with GTT Tea Grant funding
- Cultural report for past documentation and reviewed railbed area to confirm there are no issues.
- "Notice of Intent" to be filed in March for review in April

GRANTS:

- TLGV Cleanup Funds
 - Once again, will need to bump out the clean-up event to later this summer. Considering the first Saturday in June, National Trails Day at the Long Pond parcel.

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Long Pond
 - Champeaux road access. There is a cart road in there. Would be nice to get a loop cleared out.
 - Need to put in gate off Rt. 148

TA UPDATE:

- Belanger property
- OSV easement – no update

FROST UPDATE:

- FROST could use GT Trailblazer 501-3c account and status for non-profit status

ConCom MEETINGS:

- TC to engage with Conservation Agent to review Seven Ridges Trail for water crossing(s)
- ConCom agreed to move gate at Plimpton property
- ConCom agreed to remove rock pile at Long Pond and put in gate

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Ice Sculpture Contest – 7 people signed up right now
- State-wide open space conference – TC to present on how Sturbridge Trails Committee deals with trails in Sturbridge. TC will also discuss Mass Trails Grants process.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURN: TC motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM