

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – April 14, 2022**

**LOCATION:** Town Hall Conference Room

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

**ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES:** Tom Chamberland (TC)

**GUESTS:** None

**RECORDED BY:** Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:08 PM

#### **Trail Counter Data:**

- In March
  - there were 5,076 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is down from 7,864 in the same month last year.
  - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 4,059 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 845 visitors
  - Note: no traffic counters on Plimpton nor Long Pond yet

#### **REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

- Review of the Dec. 7, 2021 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Review of the Feb. 10, 2022 meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as amended to indicate notes from TC email. DP seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Review of the Feb. 12, 2022 meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as amended to include TC in attendees. RP seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Review of the Mar. 14, 2022 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Review of the Mar. 26, 2022 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

#### **BUDGET:**

- Very close to closing out account associated Riverlands GTT and Parking lot grant.

#### **TEA GRANT:**

- GTT bid awarded and it's within budget. Construction will start in mid-to-late May.
- Some monies could go back to town. MassTrails Grant allocation will be used first.

#### **GRANTS:**

- Riverlands GTT and Parking Lot paperwork is completed now

- Riverlands Flow Trails are coming along well. Should be finished by the end of April.

#### **TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:**

- April 16 Trail Workday and Cleanup
  - Meet 7 am at Sheds; should be at our work sites by 8 am
  - Fiske Hill
    - Trail clearing
    - Roadside trash cleanup
  - Riverlands Parking Lot
    - Trash pickup around 10 OSV
    - Rake gravel around kiosk and gate post
  - Long Pond
    - Clear trail of woody debris
    - Paint orange blaze for Long Pond Trail
    - Rake trail

#### **TA UPDATE:**

- No Update

#### **FROST UPDATE:**

- No Update

#### **ConCom MEETINGS:**

- No Update

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- April 16, third Saturday workday

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Tourism grant to get the bridge across the river had a 3-year clause to complete the work. This is not enough time to get this project done, so grant application will not go forward.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- BG motions to identify color markings for the Riverlands flow trails as follows
  - Gray - the main up and over trail - Cistern
  - Gray/Orange - Flow 1
  - Gray/Lt. Blue - Flow 2
  - Gray/Red - Flow 3
  - Dark Blue - Riverwalk
  - Yellow - Brickyard
 FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0 to approve.
- Need to update brochures so having updated maps like Plimpton would be good.
  - Get 5000 Leadmine brochures

**NEXT MEETING:** May 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURN:** BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM