

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – June 9, 2022

LOCATION: Town Hall Conference Room

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Jen Scherer (JS)

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC)

GUESTS: None

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- In May
 - There were 6,195 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is down from 7,348 in the same month last year. This trend continues indicating the increased use of our trails during the COVID-19 period.
 - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 4,705 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 1,049 visitors
 - Trail usage dropped slightly on all trails compared to the previous month (April)
 - Note: no traffic counters on Plimpton nor Long Pond yet

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the May 16, 2022 meeting minutes. DP motions to approve the meeting minutes as amended. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

BUDGET:

- Received invoice for additional work on Riverlands Flow Trails in the amount of \$5000
- \$88K of CPC funds have been allocated for next fiscal year
- BG motions to fund an operator with equipment to grind and clear the Hawk Spur trail and the field on Plimpton property at a cost of \$3600. JS seconds motion. Vote 4 - 0 to approve.

TEA GRANT:

- Town needs to get government ID to invoice the DOT for monies.

GRANTS:

- No update

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Some of the work on the GTT done at the last work weekend may need to be redone
- June 18 Trail Day
 - Riverlands

- GTT trail edging work again
- Brickyard trail work
- Work on uphill flow trail

TA UPDATE:

- No Update

FROST UPDATE:

- No Update

ConCom MEETINGS:

- BG and TC met with ConCom last week and presented trail plans for Long Pond, Plimpton, and Fiske Hill properties.
- BG and TC will meet with ConCom next week to present upcoming trail plans for Riverlands and Leadmine.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 18, third Saturday workday

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- TC met with Heather Blakley who is new DPW Director
- Sturbridge Special Events committee has reached out to STC about partnering on Ice Sculptures

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM