

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2021

LOCATION: Conference Call

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Rich Paradise (RP) joined 4:15

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC)

GUESTS: Dave Barnicle (DB)

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 4:03 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- None update

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the Feb. 10, 2021 STC meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as written. DP seconds the motion. Vote 4 – 0.

BUDGET:

- Started spending some of the FROST tools donation money.

Sinuosity:

- TC is working on the RFP draft for the Riverlands flow trails

TEA GRANT:

- NEPA and MEPA are not required since the project is exempt. Changing sidewalk to shared use which is at the same grade as the road and may be up to 8 ft wide. Should be cheaper to construct.
- Latoie easement (75 Farquar Road) to be finalized by next meeting
- Should achieve 95% planning by mid-May. Still need to hear back from MassTrails grant. If all goes well could be breaking ground in October.

GRANTS:

- TLGV Cleanup Funds
 - STC agreed to hold Earth Day Clean up on April 17, 2021
 - FR will submit TLGV grant for \$500 of supplies to support the event

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- BG motions to initiate and plan the first workday for April 17, 2021. TC seconds motions. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
- April 17, Earth Day
 - Long Pond area – 10 people
 - Parking Lot cleanup at all sites/properties
 - Coordinate with town roadside cleanup event
- May 15
 - Leadmine Trails. Prep for June National Trail Day.

- *Work projects to focus on Arbutus Park and Morgan trails*
- *June 19*

TA UPDATE:

- *Property off Fiske Hill and Whittemore is for sale and town is considering its first right of refusal.*

FROST UPDATE:

- *FROST to offer guided trail walks*

ConCom MEETINGS:

- *TC to engage with Conservation Agent to review Seven Ridges Trail for water crossing(s)*
- *Conservation Agent to walk Riverlands flow trails.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *FROST walks*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *None*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Many downed trees cleared from trails by weekday crew. Most, if not all, downed trees have been cleared now.*

NEXT MEETING: *April 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm.*

ADJOURN: *BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM*