

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2022**

**LOCATION:** Town Hall Conference Room

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

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

**GUESTS:** None

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:04 PM

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

- In September:
  - There were 5,856 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is an decrease of 247 visitors as compared to last month.
  - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 4,565 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 855 visitors, and then Riverlands with 436 visitors.
  - Trail usage decreased on all trails in September as compared to last month.
  - Note: no traffic counters on Plimpton nor Long Pond yet

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

- Review of the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. JS seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

#### **BUDGET:**

- Bought lumber so school students can build trail posts
- BG motions to file a new signature authority form allowing BG, JS, FR, and TC signature authority for STC activities. DP seconds motion. Vote 4-0.
- New traffic counters are in. Will be installed at Plympton and Long Pond.
- Need to put in budget requests for CPC funding
  - \$50K
  - Arbutus Park – needs more gravel
  - Mt Laurel – Bog bridge

#### **TEA GRANT:**

- Conference call last Thursday to discuss the punch list. It should be finalized next week
- Some of the grades still need to be cleaned up

#### **GRANTS:**

- TC working with BSC to get quote for Engineering, Design, and Permitting of bridge at 501 Rt 20 (Lot 461?). STC will seek funding from Mass Trails grant for this project.

**TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:**

- Oct. 15 Workday
  - Riverlands
    - Work on Cistern/Flow trails
    - Haul spread gravel on Leadmine trail
    - Dig and concrete side shed addition anchor piers
  - Leadmine
    - Cut brush on Seven Ridges and Arbutus Park
    - Trash pickup at OSV & Shattuck Road parking lots
  - Fiske Hill
    - Work trails/site clean up
  - Plympton
    - Trail Signs

**TA UPDATE:**

- No update

**FROST UPDATE:**

- No Update

**ConCom MEETINGS:**

- No update

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Mass Trail Conference
  - TC to submit expense for 4 members of STC to attend
- Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - Rotary 5K
  - Man a tent

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- TC met with Heather to go over some of the NOI projects coming before the Conservation Committee (Long Pond, Fiske Hill, and Riverlands)
  - Discussed how to get equipment and operators out to bid
  - Suggested a elliptical culvert for Long Pond trail
- 9 River Road - GTT
  - TC has site plan
  - Existing trail is on 1 River Road as well. May need an easement from 1 River Road
  - TC got quote for surveying of 9 River Road and parking lot for \$4200

**NEXT MEETING:** November 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURN:** BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM