

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 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:** 7:06 PM

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

- In October:
  - There were 8,140 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is an increase of 2,284 visitors as compared to last month.
  - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 6,591 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 1,015 visitors, and then Riverlands with 534 visitors.
  - Trail usage significantly increased on all trails in October as compared to last month.
  - Note: no traffic counters on Plimpton nor Long Pond yet

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

- Review of the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes. DP motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. BG seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

#### **BUDGET:**

- STC agreed to purchase Trafx graphical datanet package to provide nice reports for trail traffic. Cost \$500 for 5 years.
- Requests
  - STA used to buy a membership in American Trails
  - CPC
    - MassTrails grant – engineering; \$60,000
    - SCA \$10,000
    - Materials (all properties) \$30,000
  - Betterment:
    - Miscellaneous expenses \$850
- CPC Requests
  - BG motions to submit a request to CPC for \$55,000 for trail building and improvements. JS seconds. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
  - BG motions to submit a request to CPC for confirmation of trail and bridge design by engineering firm for 469A property. Request is for up to \$75,000 but STC will submit a MassTrails grant to cover cost. FR seconds. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
  - BG motions if allowed by CPC rules STC requests \$35,000 for engineering design, permitting, and easement across 9 River Road

and 1 River Road. STC intends to submit grant to cover some costs for this study. JS seconds . Vote 4 - 0 to approve.

- Betterment
  - BG motions to submit request for \$1,000 to Betterment. JS seconds motions. Vote 4 - 0 to approve.

**TEA GRANT:**

- All built, except for the final survey

**GRANTS:**

- FR and TC will partner to submit a MassTrails grant for the engineering and design for bridge crossing at 469A property

**TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:**

- Weekday Work
  - Plympton mowing and stump grinding
  - Doggie distribution bags at trail heads
- Rotary Trek 5K
  - Event went very well
  - Rotary sent thank you to STC
- Nov. 19 Workday
  - Riverlands - Priority Site
    - Haul and spread gravel on Leadmine trail
    - If DPW available, relocate 50 ft section of River Walk Trail
  - Fiske Hill
    - Northern Tree crew to cut some trees
  - Heins Farm
    - Gravel section of Pond Loop trail
  - Plympton
    - Change out "good by" sign
    - Install 2 Hamilton trail signs
    - Relocate last "Plympton Trail" sign to new location
    - Add leaving a marked trail sign

**TA UPDATE:** No update

**FROST UPDATE:** No Update

**ConCom MEETINGS:** No Update

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** No Update

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEXT MEETING:** December 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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