

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – February 13, 2023

LOCATION: The Center School Conference Room

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

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC) via Zoom

GUESTS: None

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- In January:
 - There were 4,279 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is an increase of 570 visitors as compared to last month. This data includes traffic from two additional counters: 1 at Long Pond and 1 at Plimpton.
 - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 2,916 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 659 visitors, Riverlands with 345 visitors, Plimpton with 202 visitors, and Long Pond with 157 visitors.

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- No minutes to review

BUDGET:

- Approximately \$1000 of donations in memory of Dave Barnicle to be allocated to Trails Gift account
- High school has built 5 more benches
- FR to find out about SCA request (1 full two hitch). Request availability in late June or early July.

TEA GRANT:

- No Update

GRANTS:

- Tom and Brandon worked on MassTrails grants
- Two grants submitted: 1 for bridge from rt 20; 1 for extending GTT over to Rt. 84 (near Paws)

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Weekday Work

TA UPDATE: No update

FROST UPDATE:

- Looking to reboot this organization
- Transition to non-profit organization

ConCom MEETINGS: No Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dave P/Dave V – Spring, Summer, Fall – 2 hikes a day
- Frost Hikes
- Bike Ride/Race?

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ice Sculptures
 - Very good feedback from participants
 - 10 -12 ice sculptures out on Sat and Sun. Setup at Riverlands parking lot.
 - Community feedback was very positive on Facebook
 - For the future, it may be good to coordinate with the town for the Winterfest event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dooty Road property. OpenSpace committee may be interested. Connected properties, athletic fields, wildlife.
- Trails committee will invite family of Dave Barnicle to next meeting

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM