

## **STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES – March 13, 2023**

**LOCATION:** Center School

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

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

**GUESTS:** Dominic Perreault (Scout), Steven Perreault

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 PM

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

- In February:
  - There were 4,638 total trail visitors based on Trafx counter data. This is an increase of 359 visitors as compared to last month. This data includes traffic from Leadmine, Riverlands, Heins Farm, Plimpton, and Long Pond trail heads.
  - The most visited property was Leadmine (Shattuck, Morgan, Pinelands) with 3,157 visitors, followed by Heins Farm with 739 visitors, Riverlands with 433 visitors, Long Pond with 157 visitors, and Plimpton with 152 visitors.

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

- Review of the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. DP seconds motion. Vote 5-0 to approve.

#### **BUDGET:**

- Trail gift account up to \$3,125.35 because of donations in memory of Dave Barnicle
- All accounts are balanced as of March 13, 2023
- TC initiated final payment for GTT Westville trail construction to close out project

#### **GRANTS:**

- FR to apply for TLGV Cleanup grant for April 15 Trails Cleanup Day

#### **Dominic Perreault discussion about trail project:**

- Proposing a playground like concept that allows people to walk and balance on staged logs. Provide a series of log steps and raised boards for people to climb on.
- STC can help with material selection
- BG motions to approve support for Dominic Perreault's Eagle Scout project to plan and build a natural playground. JS seconds motion. Vote 5 - 0 to approve.
- TC motions to empower Jen Scherer to have sign-off for Dominic's Eagle Scout project. BG seconds motions. Vote 5 - 0 to approve.

**TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:**

- Trail Cleanup Day on April 15th
- Trial Workdays – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
  - Apr 15 – All trails; parking lots, trash, litter, trail maintenance. 11:30 pizza
    - Permethrin tick spray, yellow trash bags, trail flags
  - May 20
  - Jun 17
  - Jul

**TA UPDATE:**

- No update

**FROST UPDATE:**

- No Update

**ConCom MEETINGS:**

- No Update

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 3 – National Trails Day. Will discuss in next meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trails committee approached for guidance and support in having TRJHS plan and build trails on town property behind school.
- Police Department is considering the purchase of lock boxes to hold the trail gate key at the trail kiosks

**NEXT MEETING:** April 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURN:** BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM