

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2023

LOCATION: Center School

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

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland, Mike Dobos

GUESTS: Dominic Perreault (Scout), Eli Garrett

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- In May:
 - There were 7,088 total trail visitors based on TrafX counter data. This is an increase of 581 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 5,119 visitors, followed by Riverlands with 786 visitors, Heins Farm with 785 visitors, Long Pond with 244 visitors, and Plimpton with 154 visitors.

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. RP seconds motion. Vote 4-0 to approve.

BUDGET:

- BG motions to take funds from account 22550-53821 close the account and return funds back to town CPC fund. RP seconds motion. Vote 4 - 0.
- BG motions to encumber all the remaining CPC accounts (22550-56696, 22550-52123, 22550-52293, 22550-58317) into fiscal year 2024. FR seconds motions. Vote 4 -0 to approve.

GRANTS:

- Monies have been approved at town meeting for two grant projects
- The STC will be presenting MassTrails grant paperwork to the Select Board on June 20th for the two grants that were awarded.
- TLGV Reimbursement paperwork submitted into TLGV

Dominic Perreault discussion about "natural playground" project:

- Dominic has selected a site on the Riverlands property. He will make his proposal to town Select Board for approval.
- Dominic will need to get approval for the "natural playground" from the Conservation Commission
- Dominic will also approach Opacum for their review on the proposal

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Jun 17

- 3. Heins Farm
 - Old gravel on Stafford Turnpike Trail
 - New gravel on Pond Loop Trail (West side)
 - Will need tractor, RTV, rakes, shovels, loppers, at least 3 people
 - 1. Leadmine Mountain Trail section relocation/rock armoring
 - 2. Long Pond:
 - Regrade 150 ft trail section to reduce cross slope
- July 15

TA UPDATE:

- CPA agreement letter to CORPS for GTT-WVL

FROST UPDATE:

- None

ConCom MEETINGS:

- No Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 23 – United Way Day of Caring (8am – 12 noon)
 - Work at shed area. Paint and seal wood items.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SCA crew did not have enough students to cover all the stints they were signed up for. As a result, our 10 day stint was cancelled for this summer. STC will be on the top of the list for next year.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- BG approached by principal of Burgess Elementary School for some help with refreshing the Burgess Nature Trail on the school property.
- RP will put in another order for Trek Sturbridge tee shirts.
- Riverlands map update almost done. Once it's updated than TC will kickoff another printing of Riverlands brochures (2000 count).
- Leadmine map update for trail colors and trail names before kicking off printing of Leadmine brochures (1000 count).
- Fiske Hill parking lot construction can go out for bid after Heather reviews
- STC office is being moved to new location within Center School

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM