

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – April 29, 2021

LOCATION: Conference Call

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Darcy Foley (DF)

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC)

GUESTS: Dave Barnicle (DB),

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- None update

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the Mar. 10, 2021 STC meeting minutes. BG motions to approve the meeting minutes as written. DP seconds the motion. Vote 4 – 0.
- Future meetings can be in group setting in an outdoor setting
- FR to send approved meeting to town clerk assistant (Alex)

BUDGET:

- \$3000 for mowing on Plimpton
- Purchase order submitted for SCA hitches (\$8000/hitch)

Sinuosity:

- RFP submitted to TA. TA will provide feedback by next week.

TEA GRANT:

- TEA Grant: The MassTrails Grant for \$150K has been approved. Requires a \$36K match.
- Riverlands Parking Lot project to be started in June/July.

GRANTS:

- TLGV approved \$500 reimbursable grant for trails cleanup. FR purchased materials for April 24th cleanup day (postponed a week due to snow on original date)
- MassTrails Grant for \$150K to fund additional costs of TEA Grant project was approved

Mtn Bike Events

- DF presents two overlapping biking loops so there are three colored arrows to follow.
- Virtual mountain biking event. Maybe the beginning of June to align with coming out of mountain laurel
- Woman's series for mountain biking. Social event for meet, greet, and ride.
- Kid's ride

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Apr 24th Trail Cleanup Day (postponed from April 17 due to snow)
 - Approximately 27 participants
 - Cleanup teams worked on the following properties
 - Long Pond
 - Leadmine
 - Heins Farm
 - Plimpton
- May 15
 - Plimpton Property:
 - Meet at 7 am at sheds
 - Meet at 8 am at site
 - Continue trail clean up
 - Blaze/Paint trails that are not marked
 - Sign posts
 - Move gates
- June 5 – National Trails Day
 - Should we do something for the completion of the Riverlands dam removals?

TA UPDATE:

- In person meetings or hybrid meetings allowed now

FROST UPDATE:

- Hosting Friday walks. 10 people on the first walk.
- DB suggests giving names to the parking lots to avoid confusion
 - 197 Leadmine Road Parking
 - 10 Shattuck Road Parking
 - 52 Stallion Hill Road Parking
 - 10 OSV Access Road Parking

ConCom MEETINGS:

- TC met with Conservation Agent and reviewed Seven Ridges Trail for water crossing(s). TC will put together info needed for NOI.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- BG will be presenting to the town finance committee tonight on the Fiske Hill/Old Farm road property that the town has first right of refusal

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- STC membership. All existing members should receive letters from town soon

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Can be outdoors

ADJOURN: DP motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM