

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2021

LOCATION: Town Hall Conference Room

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

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC), Jennifer Scherer (JS),

GUESTS: Steve Saxton (SS), Tara Linton (TL)

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- No new data

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the August 12, 2021 STC meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as written. RP seconds the motion. Vote 4-0.
- FR to send STC meeting minutes to town clerk for posting

BUDGET:

- No update

TEA GRANT:

- The design has been completed
- With the design done, the town has the option to take the project over but it will still require EFLHD oversight. There is approximately \$50K difference in total cost between EFLHD managing it and the town taking it over.
- Regardless of whether the town takes this over or it stays with EFLHD it will still require an ask of \$300K to the town.
- STC will evaluate options to move the project forward. STC will regroup on Monday, Sep. 20th at 5 pm for further discussion.

GRANTS:

- Review revised Flow trails on Riverlands that reduced the total mileage down to 1.54 miles from 2.5 miles. This was required to allow the RFPs to be within the allowed funding. TC motions to make a revised RFP that eliminates the pink trail. BG seconds. Vote 4-0.
- Riverlands parking lot is under construction now.

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Sep. 18 Trail Day
 - Morgan and Arbutus trails clean up in preparation for Rotary 5K on Oct. 31st.
 - Fix up washouts

- Install posts for new gate on Long Pond
- Remove pile of dirt at Long Pond
- Cow Stile and Mountain Laurel need some weed whacking, loppers, and debris cleanup

TA UPDATE:

- No update

FROST UPDATE:

- 3 Events
 - Sep. 10 - Night Sky at Plimpton @ 8 pm
 - Sep. 26 - Riverlands Parking Lot - National Trails Day
 - Kids bike ride (10 am kids, 10:15 am teens)
 - Forestry walk (8:30 am)
 - Yoga (9am)
 - Morning run (7 am)
 - Photo walk
 - Jan. 1, 2022 - Annual First Day walk

ConCom MEETINGS: No Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 31 - Trek Stubridge Halloween 5K - Rotary sponsored. Adult version and kid version of 5K race.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Fiske Hill property purchase has closed and the property is now owned by the town. BOS will take responsibility for care and custody.
- STC should consider any potential funding needed for Fiske Hill property in preparation for upcoming town meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM