

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – October 14, 2021

LOCATION: Town Hall Conference Room

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG) arrived 7:25 pm, Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Richard Paradise (RP)

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

GUESTS:

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 September 9, 2021 STC meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as written. RP seconds the motion. Vote 3-0.
- FR to send STC meeting minutes to town clerk for posting

BUDGET:

- Spent some money on legal ads for upcoming work
- Riverlands project – DPW can't get to this work before finishing up parking lot so need another source to get the water line from road down to sheds. Roughly \$1000 – \$3000 cost. BG motions to allow TC to spend the appropriate funds to have the water line from road to shed area put in. FR seconds the motion. Vote 4 – 0.
- Finance committee approved the STC request for \$92,000

TEA GRANT:

- Project in a holding pattern until town votes to approve money
- Telephone pole needs to be relocated as well

GRANTS:

- Riverlands project – parking lot has been graded and is just about ready for gravel. 500 cubic yards of gravel fill brought in. Gravel is coming in this week. On track to finish this fall.
- Riverlands flow trails – Out to bid now with opening date of Oct. 29th.
- Conway School has reached out to STC and wants a list of stakeholders involved in updating Recreational Trails Master Plan. Needed by next STC meeting.

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Team Rubicon
 - Looking for a place where they can help with chainsaw work. The Fiske Hill property may be a good place to have them work. BG

motions to have TC reach out to Rubicon to have them work on the Fiske Hill property. DP seconds the motion. Vote 4 - 0.

- 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
- Oct. 16 Trail Day
 - Leadmine - Arbutus looks really good. 3 sections need a little more gravel.
 - Mt. Laurel and Cow Stile brush trimming
 - Gateway trail needs a tree cleared out

TA UPDATE:

- No update

FROST UPDATE:

- Upcoming events:
 - 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.
- STC needs to figure next year's budget requests by December time frame
 - Allocate funds to extend shed 1

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The cairns off Arbutus Park trail were knocked down. STC does not support the knocking down of cairns in this area. This area already has many rocks off-trail and there is no harm in building cairns there. The STC does not support removing rocks from the trail itself to build cairns.
- Unmarked trails on Leadmine property need to be marked
- Trolls are being put on trails for kids to locate. Kids 10 years and younger that find all three trolls will get a certificate and some gift certificate.

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM