

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 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: Leigh Darrin

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- No new data

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- No meeting minutes to review

BUDGET:

- TC presented the current status of trails accounts
- BG motions to use the remaining Mass Trails Grant funds (approximately \$10,752) to finish the grading of 2000 ft of GTT trail on Riverlands and the purchase of fine gravel. DP seconds. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
- Bids for Riverlands flow trails came back and all were over the allocated grant funding again.
- BG motions to notify the selectmen to reject the Riverlands flow trails bids due to being over grant funding. DP seconds motion. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
- BG motions to notify the Town Administrator to rebid with revised proposal with reduced trail mileage. FR seconds motion. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
- FY23 budget requests are due by Dec. 1st
 - 2 STC people for state trails conference
 - CPC fund (flow trails, gravel)
 - CPC fund (SCA trail crew, general trail improvements)
 - Betterment 1 – construct 9 x 10 shed
 - Betterment 2 – Traffic counter for Plimpton trails
 - BG Motions to submit the budget request as defined above to the town. DP seconds motions. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.
- BG motions to amend the budget request above to add \$5,000 for general trail maintenance for Fiske Hill trail area. DP seconds motion. Vote 4 – 0 to approve.

TEA GRANT:

- Everything is on track to get the trail built
- All funds have been allocated and construction can move forward
- 100% design plans due next week
- Once that is in hand, then it can go out to bid

GRANTS:

- *STC members charged with coming up with ideas for upcoming Mass Trails Grants application*

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- *Nov. 13*
 - *Riverlands Parking – put in gates (TC, RP, FR)*
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- *Nov 20*
 - *Mow beginning of Long Pond*
 - *Meet at Leadmine @ 8 am – blow leaves off trails*
- *Dec 9 STC Meeting*
 - *Quick Meeting*
- *Jan 13 – Thursday*
- *Jan 15 – Strategy and work session*
- *Feb 10 – Thursday*
- *Feb 12 – Saturday work session*

TA UPDATE:

- *No update*

FROST UPDATE:

- *Frost Annual Meeting moved to Jan. 26th at the Publick House 7 pm*
 - *Theme is my favorite trail and why? Bring pictures*
 - *Elections for leadership position*
- *Titanic Rail Committee/Org to be merged with FROST to get non-profit status*
- *Jan. 1, 2022 – Annual First Day walk*

ConCom MEETINGS:

- *No update*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *No update*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Rotary Club 5K on Riverlands was a big success for Halloween. 128 people showed up to the event.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *STC to take on task of naming and coloring of unmarked trails on Leadmine*

NEXT MEETING: *December 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.*

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