

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - JULY 12, 2012

LOCATION: Center School Office Building, 2nd floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Randy Redetzke (RR) (Chairman), Brandon Goodwin (BG), Richard Paradise (RP),
Doug Quigley (DQ), Patrick McGarrah (PM)

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Louis Berthiaume (LB), Tom Chamberland (TC), Fritz Reeve (FR),
David Vadenais (DV)

GUESTS: David Barnicle and David Peterkin

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

MINUTES: No minutes to approve

EDUCATION GRANT GATEWAY TRAIL: All finances done for grant, TC to check loose ends. Two textbooks left over from class, new map for Gateway Trail and Spur Trail on website. TC proposed refresher course for 12 participants of Trail Class.

RTMP REPORT: TC reports a Public Hearing will be held on July 23, 2012, Scott Linnenburger will not be there but all should attend. \$5,600 left to spend for deliverables, no problems seen.

HPP TEA GRANT, RIVER ROAD SIDEWALK: TC reports Mass Highway requests to pass money through ARCE- 20% match plus design cost. Project on hold until these questions are answered.

TROLLEY LINE GRANT CLOSEOUT: All but \$729 of grant spent, TC will order gravel to finish out grant.

STURBRIDGE TRAILS WEBSITE: No new information.

TRAIL MAPPING: Trail names still needed, also need brochure for Leadmine Mountain.

STA FUNDING: STA has \$2,000 for Leadmine trail signs including West Ridge, Old Growth, and Arbutus.

MOTION: A motion by PM to use the phrase "Leadmine Mountain Conservation Lands" as an umbrella name for Leadmine Mountain property, lot 197A, Ballard parcel, and old Camp Robinson Crusoe (847 acres) including south of the pipeline. Motion seconded by TC and passed by a 3/2 vote.

TORNADO RECOVERY GRANT REQUEST: TC reports that 60k in the towns grant request is set aside for the purchase of a Bobcat machine for trail building and maintenance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HIKE REQUEST: RP reports that the requested Chamber of Commerce guided hike to the Johnson Sawmill Site was cancelled due to lack of signups for hike.

SLAM SIGN POSTING REQUEST: Brochures are posted in kiosks.

KIOSK MAINTENANCE: LB volunteered to maintain kiosks, RP to get keys to him for kiosk locks.

BRIDGE 8 CONSTRUCTION: Bridge is completed but work on approaches still needs to be done.

FUTURE PROJECTS: Posts at Hein's Farm.

OLD BUSINESS: Hein's Farm brochures.

NEW BUSINESS: DB proposes forming a "Friends of the Trail Committee" non-profit to be able to use \$800 in Trail Committee Revolving Fund and to obtain further donations. He also provided a hand out detailing his proposal.

TC reported that Brimfield received \$12,500 to fund bridge crossing engineering expenses on the Grand Trunk Trail.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 8:59 pm.

Submitted by RP