

Sturbridge Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2011

Location: Center School Office, 2nd floor main conference room

Attendees: Randy Redetzke (RR)(Chairman), Doug Quigley (DQ), Richard Paradise (RP)

Associate Attendees: Louie Berthiaume (LB), Tom Chamberland ((TC) USACE)

Absent: Pam Hoy (PH), Brandon Goodwin (BG), Pat McGarrah (PM), Fritz Reeve (FR), Erin Jacque (EJ)

Other Guests: None

6:08 PM call to order / quorum check

- DQ Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2011 with correction of spelling of Morton Trails under the RTMPSC Update. 2nd RP, approved 3/0
- RR Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2011 as written. 2nd RP, approved 3/0
- DQ Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2010 with correction to add "Other Documents: Monthly Trails Committee status report as of 8/10/10". 2nd RP, approved 3/0
- RR advised that no alternate meeting dates have been proposed by EJ. Item tabled pending more information
- RR stated that the Fincom meeting on the revised CPC article went well and was approved.
- Discussion on the need to be prepared to answer questions at the annual town meeting in regard to funding requests. RR asked the committee to support the CPC administrative item request.
- RTMPSC Update – TC reported that Kay Lin has been selected by the interview committee (S Suhoski, EJ, TC) as the top respondent. Their bid price was \$49,260 which is under budget. The special town meeting non CPC portion funding recommendation was for \$3150. This should be adequate with a small amount for potential changes.
- TC, EJ, S Suhoski, S Young, K Beecher are going to meet to discuss the HPP TEA grant design, trail routing, and survey.
- Reviewed the Trails Work List updated 4-27-11. Committee agreed to remove items HF-3, HF-4, LM-1, LM-2, as these were determined not to be under the Trails Committee purview. Committee agreed that only trails marking signs will be considered going forward. Added new item RL-4 River Lands "Full Wetlands Delineation".
- Discussed June 4 National Trails Day work projects. Determined that we would continue the work on the Arbutus Park Trail. RP to contact Craig Moran to see if gravel could be staged for volunteers to move on an upcoming evening. If Trolley Line is ready, a crew could also be dispatched to work. Registration starts at 8:00 with work starting at 8:30. TC indicated that he would be running an educational program 2:00 on the Old Growth Trail. RR to send out email.
- Volunteer T Shirt funding was discussed. RP is going to see what it would cost to add the volunteer logo to the existing shirts. LB offered to donate to the purchase.

- RP advised that the culvert on the Stafford Trail has been pushed up by the frost. TC to discuss options to repair with EJ.
- LB agreed to perform an inventory of tools and equipment in the possession of the Trails Committee.
- TC reported that two lawn rakes are signed out to Leslie Wong and the Senior Work Off Program. They raking the Pond Loop trail.
- TC showed the adopt a trail sign from EJ that is being considered by the Con Com. EJ is soliciting comments. The committee had the following comments:
 - Trek Sturbridge logo is not correct – type of etching and material makes it difficult for a good representation of the logo
 - Town seal should be removed as this is not a regulatory sign.
 - Remove no motorized vehicle and hiker emblems as this is not a regulatory sign.
 - Material has proven to be a problem because it shatters easily.
 - Mounting?
 - How would one group marking stop and the next start?
 - General consensus that the sign is to busy.
- TC brought forward a question from EJ on if we should mark non open trails with “You are leaving an official trail”. Trails Committee recommends that we mark the Arbutus, Camp Robinson Crusoe, and West Ridge Trails with locator markers and parking area direction signs to the extent we have funding, then reevaluate later for effectiveness. Concern was voiced that we could not mark every possible place where someone could leave the trail and that effectively marking the current designated trails should be effective.
- TC reported that he would be meeting with EJ on May 16 and June 9.
- TC brought up the Bike Friendly Communities program and suggested we visit the website. TC feels that there are several goals that we could show credit on with our current undertakings.
- TC will be meeting with Southbridge as they are moving forward on their grant.
- TC advised that Brimfield is talking with Mobile Products about the use of the pipeline for the Grand Trunk Trail.
- Adjourn 8:55 PM

Additional Documents:

Meeting minutes for April 14, 2011, April 30, 2011, August 12, 2010

Trails Work List - Updated 4/27/11

Attendees list

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