

Sturbridge Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2011

Location: Center School Office, 2nd small conference room

Attendees: Randy Redetzke (RR)(Chairman), Doug Quigley (DQ), Richard Paradise (RP), Brandon Goodwin (BG) departed 7:12

Associate

Attendees: Louie Berthiaume (LB), Tom Chamberland ((TC) USACE), Fritz Reeve (FR) arrived 6:28

Absent: Pam Hoy (PH), Pat McGarrah (PM), Erin Jacque (EJ)

Guests: None

6:11 PM call to order / quorum check

- BG Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2011 as written. 2nd RP, approved 4/0
- Conducted annual election of officers
- BG Motion to appoint Randy Redetzke as chairman. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (RR abstained)
- RR Motion to appoint Brandon Goodwin as vice chairman. 2nd DQ, approved 3/0/1 (BG abstained)
- RR contacted PM via phone to confirm interest in assuming role as secretary.
- RR Motion to appoint Pat McGarrah as secretary. 2nd BG, approved 4/0
- BG Motion to appoint Richard Paradise to fill the Sturbridge Trails Committee seat on the Public Lands Advisory Committee. 2nd RR, approved 3/0/1 (RP abstained)
- BG Motion to appoint Doug Quigley to act as alternate Sturbridge Trails Committee representative to the Public Lands Advisory Committee. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (DQ abstained)
- FR arrival 6:28
- RR contacted PM via phone to confirm interest in assuming a seat on the Regional Trails Committee.
- BG Motion to appoint Randy Redetzke and Pat McGarrah to act as Sturbridge Trails Committee representatives to the Regional Trails Committee. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (RR abstained)
- DQ Motion to appoint Brandon Goodwin to act as Sturbridge Trails Committee representative to the Recreational Trails Master Plan Steering Committee. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (BG abstained)
- DQ Motion to appoint Randy Redetzke to act as Sturbridge Trails Committee representative to the Recreational Trails Master Plan Steering Committee. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (RR abstained)

- Discussed tornado cleanup work needed. Decided to clean Heins and Trolley Line first. Richard and Randy to start cutting in the evenings.
- Decided to have a work day on Aug 14, 2011 to begin work on the Heins boardwalk.
- RR disclosed that he is an employee of Siemens Corporation and explained that Siemens Corporation (formerly US Filter) is interested in giving two small parcels of land to the town along the West side of Holland Road between Highway 20 and the Trolley Line. RR explained possible benefits to the town are: any future re-alignment of Holland Road & Hwy 20 intersection, small parking area for commercial district and part of a corridor for a connector trail/sidewalk with the Trolley Line Grand Trunk Trail.
- BG Motion that the Trails Committee supports the acquisition, of two properties currently owned by Siemens Industry Inc. (US Filter) on Holland Road. 2nd RP, approved 3/0/1 (RR abstained)
- RR asked of any interest in doing something as part of Feast & Fire. General support for a information booth.
- BG departure 7:12
- Discussed DCR grant requests due on October 1. TC explained that a joint application with neighboring towns would be better received. RR suggested that a Off Road Vehicle be considered that could haul materials as it is getting to be a long hike into some of the work areas and it is not possible to get trucks into every location. Decided to table until next meeting.
- It was noted that the June 4 work day had been canceled because of the tornado.
- RR noted that at a recent BOS meeting, the chairman thanked the Trails Committee for all the volunteer work that has been done in support of the tornado cleanup effort.
- TC reported that he presented the revised Morse agreement to Mr. Morse on July 14. Mr. Morse asked for a couple of weeks to consider it.
- TC indicated that the town planner wants a detailed list of all sign locations. Conservation agent has the lead on this.
- The Trails Committee is requested to attend a meeting of the RTMPSC on July 19 to meet the Kay-Lin representative.
- RR mentioned that an idea had come out of the last tornado recovery meeting in creating a trained wild fire crew. The Trails Committee could be the core of this type of group. TC indicated that the fire department has mutual aide agreements for this type of situation.
- TC indicated that we have one open associate position to be filled on the committee.
- Adjourn 8:00 PM

Additional Documents:
Meeting minutes for May 14, 2011

Trails Work List - Updated 7/8/11

Records maintained at Center Office Building Room 208