

STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – December 7, 2023

LOCATION: Center School

VOTING ATTENDEES: Brandon Goodwin (BG), Fritz Reeve (FR), David Peterkin (DP), Jennifer Scherer (JS), Richard Paradise (RP)

ASSOCIATE ATTENDEES: Tom Chamberland (TC), Eli Garrett (EG)

GUESTS: Brian and Kathy Peterson

RECORDED BY: Fritz Reeve, STC Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 PM

Trail Counter Data:

- No December data to report

REVIEW of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- Review of the November 9, 2023 meeting minutes. TC motions to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. DP seconds motion. Vote 5-0 to approve.
- FR provided the last three years of STC meeting minutes to the town admin assistant to get posted on the web site

BUDGET:

- Betterment requests submitted this week
 - Betterment request for UTV dump trailer - \$3600
 - Misc trail maintenance - \$ 635
- CPC budget requests
 - Request 1 - General Property trail improvements \$62000
 - Request 2 - Construction of the GTT extension on River Rd \$?
 - Request 3 - Funds for bridge from Rt. 20 to Riverlands \$?

GRANTS:

- FR waiting for Feasibility Study for Farquar extension project to be completed by Tighe and Bond.

TRAIL WORKDAYS/UPDATES:

- Jan 13 - Planning meeting. 8 - 12
 - Discuss transitioning some of TC's tasks to the broader STC committee
- Feb 17 - Planning meeting. 8 - 12

TA UPDATE:

- Discussion with TA about funding for a prefabricated pump track. Town may be able to get outside funding for it.
- BG and TC met with Jim Donahue of OSV for the easement behind the sheds at Riverlands. Jim indicated that OSV would approve the easement. This may need to go town meeting.
- The two easements behind Paw Plaza were also approved but need to get to town meeting for final approval.

FROST UPDATE:

- Annual FROST meeting on Jan. 23
- Will elect new board members

ConCom MEETINGS:

- Long Pond:
 - Got approval from ConCom to replace the culverts at Long Pond
 - Brian and Kathy Peterson will oversee the project
- Fiske Hill Parking lot
 - NOI approved and construction will happen in December. BG, FR, and EG will monitor the project.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kathy and Brian continue to explore options for solar for the STC sheds

NEW BUSINESS:

- TC will do a trails write-up that can be included with OSV collateral
- ¾ mile loop on Sheperd parcel with access to river. Will need NOI. STC has seed money to get this started.
- First Day Hike. BG may be able to do it.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN: BG motions to adjourn. FR seconds motions. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM