

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: March 9, 2022

Present: Richard Haller, Bob Pellicane, Brock Jenkins, and Jackie Proko

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting was convened remotely. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes of the meeting held December 8th were approved.

Dick presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,350.

Old Business

The Land Grant expires April 30th, but application for an extension has been submitted. An extension has also been requested for the Forestry Grant. Land Court is fully operational at this point. Stacy Stout is hoping for a closing by April 30th.

We will walk the Stevens Brook property at 1:00pm on April 9th.

New Business

The town has received a grant to study environmental mitigation needed due to climate change. Dick has asked to be kept in the loop.

So far 232 responses have been recorded from the open space survey. They indicate a lot of interest in trails. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd at the Holland Community Center (with a remote option) to discuss implementation of the survey results.

Because the town did not have ownership of the Stevens Brook property, we were unable to apply for a MassTrails grant this year. Our next opportunity will be in February of 2023.

Bob presented for consideration a program of recycling which could engage the community and provide benches for our trails.

Two loops are currently planned for the Stevens Brook property. The Pellicanes are agreeable to allowing people to use the existing trail through their property as long as problems do not arise.

The proposed calendar was discussed. The kayaking event would be out and back, not one-way. The workdays are contingent on acquisition of Stevens Brook.

When the property is acquired budget items include the following:

- lumber and hardware for bridge repairs
- signs, posts and hardware Stafford and Blodgett Roads
- Other signs such as “motor vehicles prohibited,” “trail boundary,” etc.
- maps and map stands

Items not affordable in this budget can be incorporated into future budgets and grant requests. Volunteers will be critically important.

We will meet next on April 27th. The meetings will be convened remotely unless we are informed that this is no longer allowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

Richard Haller
Chairman