Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: February 22, 2023

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, Jackie Proko, and Bob Pellicane

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting was convened remotely. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Dick Haller.

The minutes of the meeting held January 25, 2023 were approved.

Chris presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,128.06.

Old Business

Dick attended a meeting of the Finance Committee. The Trails budget will be level-funded.

He also registered a spring activity with Last Green Valley. Titled, "Stories in Stone," it will take place on Saturday, May 13th from 1:30 to 3:00. The hike will follow the two marked trails at the Stevens Brook Sichol Community Forest.

On January 27th, from 9:00 to 12:00, Scott Gerrish led a group to begin marking the boundaries of the new property. Laney Wilder from Opacum participated as well as Bob and Meghan Pellicane and Dick. The boundary along Blodgett Road, the Pellicane's property, and a portion of the southern line were marked.

We will also wish to mark the boundary with Town of Holland signs. Dick will ask Laney for an estimate of the number needed.

A discussion took place regarding the wording of the proposed signs. Dick will make the corrections and improvements. The Committee voted unanimously to spend up to \$1,200 on signage.

The possibility of hiring someone to design a trail map was discussed. Dick will contact Alex Kowalski at Sturbridge Direct. It was unanimously voted to spend up to \$500 for this purpose.

New Business

Dick has emailed Laurie Bartkus, Town Accountant, regarding unspent grant funds. A reply has not yet been received.

Stacy Stout has indicated that Joshua Saari might be interested in joining the Trails Committee or in participating in some way. Dick will contact him. Bob asked to be copied on the email.

There will be no March meeting. We will meet next on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 pm. It is possible that we may be required to meet in person after March 31st. We will meet remotely if allowed, but otherwise will gather in the Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Richard Haller Chairman