

## **Holland Trails Committee Minutes**

Date: September 28, 2022

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

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting was convened remotely. The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Dick Haller.

The minutes of the meeting held August 10, 2022 were approved.

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

### **Old Business**

The Committee has received a check for \$5,000 from the Hoyt Foundation. This will be deposited in the gift account when the Select Board has accepted the donation. We will be investigating projects which could be an appropriate use of these funds.

An expenditure of up to \$200 for trail-marking supplies was unanimously approved.

There have been two workdays. On August 27th, eight participants created a trail from the trailhead to the old road which parallels Stevens Brook. Dick has painted blazes for this trail. On September 11th, 14 volunteers cut a trail which loops to an existing trail at the northern end of the property. There is still work to be done on the existing portion.

The MassTrails Conference will be Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Great Wolf Lodge in Fitchburg. The fee is \$40. The Committee voted to spend up to \$160 to allow members to attend.

We need to reach out to the Holland Rod & Gun Club. Bob will make arrangements.

### **New Business**

Jen Ohop has volunteered to complete the unfinished portion of the trail cleared at the last workday. If this doesn't happen, we may need to schedule a workday on October 23rd. Otherwise, our next workday will be November 6th. We will improve the Blodgett Road connection to the bridge. We will also begin the reconstruction of the bridge.

A ribbon-cutting will be scheduled in early October for Holland's newly acquired property.

The tree leaning across Blodgett Road has been removed with the help of Scott Gerrish who is a forester.

The Holland/Brimfield Trail Ride was Sunday, September 18th, from 1:00-3:00. The weather was favorable and nine cyclists participated.

The Quinebaug Woods Historic Walk will be Sunday, October 16th, 10:00-11:30. Dick will lead the walk.

Trail naming was discussed. When our second trail is completed we will involve the public in the naming process.

We meet next on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm.

There will be no meeting in November. Our December meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Richard Haller  
Chairman