

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: March 14, 2018

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes of the meeting held January 24th were approved as read.

Chris presented the treasurer's report which was unchanged.

Old Business

It was not necessary to expend the amount approved for office supplies approved at our last meeting. File folders and hangers have been supplied by the town.

Dick walked Quinebaug Woods with Chris Chernosky of the Trustees of Reservation on February 21st. He agreed to open up the top of the hill by removing small trees. The Trustees will consider a link to the Fuller Dam Trail.

New Business

The Center is interested in improvements to the trail sited there. Benches with arms for the Community Center trail will likely be paid for by the Friends of the Holland Community Center. Another idea is to create a shorter loop. This would have to involve the Highway Department.

The Open Space Committee continues to evaluate property which could be available whether town-owned, privately held, owned by a nonprofit. Allen Johnson spoke with Alex Krofta of Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife regarding a possible meeting to discuss the creation of a Holland trailhead with parking. This agency has a "no trails" policy, however.

Holland is requesting funds from the Community Block Grant for a feasibility study regarding senior housing.

Dick will talk to Kelli Robbins regarding the town's solar by-laws.

The Last Green Valley has asked us to list our spring events on their internet page titled "Spring Outdoors." Dick will take care of this.

The Committee voted unanimously to spend up to \$500 to fund the Holland share of the portable toilet on 5 Bridge Road.

upcoming dates:

Sat., March 31st: Opacum Breakfast Community Center 9 AM

Sat., Apr. 21st: Holland Clean-up, Holland Elementary School, 9 AM

Wed., April 25th: our next meeting

Sat., April 28th Brimfield 5K, 9 AM

Sat., May 5th Trails Workday, 9 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary