

Approved as written 11/14/19

Southbridge Trail Committee
Thursday October 10, 2019
E A Petrelli Room/ Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Paul Van Camp, Kevin Buxton, Ken Pickren, Pat Charron
Excused: Ray Arnold

Motion was made by Ken to accept the July 11 meeting minutes as posted, 2nd by Kevin: approved.

Heritage Trail update:

\$2000 has been approved for trail maintenance/improvements; we need to submit costs for each task to the Town Manager's office.

Paul had the list from earlier in the year. We need to review our previous pricing and signage needs/costs for changes or updates.

We discussed various options for signage: size, color, placements, not use trees for posting, vertical sign posts preferred, post digging, etc. Correlate color of signs to match each trail's color on the Heritage map: red, blue, pink, yellow backgrounds with black lettering.

This is a project for next spring. Maybe start the kiosk over the winter.

We will walk the trail again soon to re-check sign placement.

Ray is using Facebook to our advantage and Paul thought we could use it to promote our needs and for communicating our project and its progress.

Paul brought more Heritage Trail maps to the Library and the bike shop.

QVRT

Nothing new with the erosion; MA DOT seems to have stepped away from this issue.

We believe there may be a grant for section 1 (Rte 131 to Dudley) to deal with the RR ties and stone dust. Will DOT do anything? We could take care of kiosk, parking and trail bed.

Noted: Tom A. has a video of DOT meeting and Ann Sullivan is DOT rep out of Worc.

StoryWalk

West Street School is on it's third principal since we started discussing this project, so there has not been much progress from that perspective. We see this as a 3-tier project: the trail committee, the school (or PTA) and the Library. The Library board's involvement will be to support and promote only.

Paul feels that raising the funds will not be an issue but is this the best location? So far vandalism is minimal.

There was discussion of post mounting options and placements to include use of existing structures along the trail. There can be no obstruction on the rails. With stationary posts could attach slip-on tops that would be removable for the winter. A calculation of needing 16 posts was made.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 14

It was noted that the June 26th meeting minutes were not official approved. Ken made the motion and Kevin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Also noted is that the committee has a physical mail box at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

submitted by Pat Charron
11/10/19