

APPROVED AS WRITTEN 12/12/19

Southbridge Trail Committee  
Thursday, November 14 2019 6:30 pm  
E.A. Petrelli Room - Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

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

A motion was made by Ken to approve the October 10 meeting minutes.  
Seconded by Kevin. Approved unanimously.

Heritage Trail

Paul would like to finalize the signage for Heritage. We are familiar with the trail and can make these decision without walking the area. Using the picture Pat posted to members, it was agreed that vertical posts/signs were preferred. Concrete bases may not be practical for this area as the ground may be difficult to dig down the 2' that would be a sufficient depth. Ken believed that his equipment could be brought down to the trail to dig the holes. Posts would be 4X4, pressure treated which allow a 3.5x3.5 signage. Ray suggested a better *Heritage Trail* sign from parking lot to trail. We will relocate the kiosk so it faces the lot for improved visibility.

The following signage was determined: (using updated Heritage map and coordinating map and sign colors)

map #	name/location	arrow directions
8	Riverwalk (red)	one → one ↑
8	Westville Dam (yellow)	one ↑ one ←
	Intersection of Connector Trail (blue) and	one ↔

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|----|--|------------------|---|
|    | Nature Trail (pink)                                      | two              | ↔ |
| 9  | Jct of Nature & Westville Dam<br>(post and three signs)  | Nature           | → |
|    |  | Nature           | ← |
|    |  | Dam              | ↔ |
| 9A | post and one sign:                                       | Westville Dam    | → |
| 10 | gate at this location, may need<br>sign and post, if so: | Westville Dam    | ↑ |
| 12 | Marjorie Lane - no post                                  | Connector (blue) | → |

We may revisit these options.

Will need two large colored maps for kiosks - 18" by 24" ??

Ken noted that Keith Beecher may be contact for the Corp of Engineers.

Paul thought it might be easier to blaze the Dam Trail than post signs. Revisit.

For consideration - with permission, repurpose the kiosk at the parking lot to the tennis courts. Signs on chain link fence??

Noted: Mike Como, West Street School maintenance person

Nature trail needs weed-whacking and Riverwalk needs trash removal.

Sunday, November 17 at 10 am at Heritage lot for this work.

It was noted that due to Ray's work schedule, he is unable to participate in weekday work details.

## QVRT

Paul was unsuccessful on finding out the scope of the state's work

of the erosion issue, so we still don't know status. Therefore, no knowledge about removal of tie and ballast stones.

This trail could use a kiosk and parking.

Pat will send correspondence to name listed on the state's Southbridge projects site.

Next meeting is December 12, 2019

### Other Comments

Pat would like to make the stone arch bridge more visible from Rte 131 by trimming the brush. The committee agreed. As this property is town owned, Pat will contact the DPW for permission for us to trim.

Brief discussion of issues with waste material dumping on north side of QVRT section 2.

Noted: Judy Schmitt = Mass DEP

It was noted that there is a tree down on Crane/Hook Street section. Ken will remove.

Ray mentioned that on McKinstry South, Plimpton entrance: rocks are too close for strollers to access trail. Ken will rectify. Trail looks clean.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Ray. 8:00 pm.

submitted by Pat Charron  
12/09/19

