

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called order at 8.19 am.

Oral Communication: None

Roll Call: Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, M. Rothrock, J. Shefren, T. Lee. J. Bourne: Conservation Committee, J. Aalfs: Council Liaison, H. Young: public Works Director.

Approval of Minutes: M. Rothrock made a motion to approve, seconded by J. Coleman, all were in favor.

Old Business: **a. Monthly Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget Update:** (Discussion): Outside contractors have been working on the trail, especially around the schools. The town worked on the Larry Lane trail as well as Willowbrook Drive. It has also been reaching out to town residents – in conjunction with the Fire Department – and making them aware of exercising extreme caution in this season of severe fire conditions. School starts tomorrow. A traffic study regarding trails most used by school kids is being undertaken.

G. Hanning said that at 425 Cervantes, rocks from the property are falling onto the trail. This makes it dangerous for users. A site development permit has been pulled but no one is living there. J. Coleman knows the owners so will call them regarding the rocks. They will eventually restore the trail. Meadowood trail is all dug up and has been an ongoing problem. H. Young has been alerted before and the Building Inspector should follow up with the contractor.

b. Trail Signage at Major trailheads/Parking: (Discussion): H.Young informed the Committee that the Ranch is going to be placing 10 signs on selected portions of some of the Ranch trails. These signs read, Please Stay on The Trail You Are On A Trail Easement On Private Property. Below the larger sign will be two separate ones on the post reading, No Bikes and No Dogs. The Committee had a robust discussion about signage and was unanimous in its declaration that too many signs and signage of this particular character would detract from the peaceful and rural trail experience. J. Aalfs will convey our comments to the Town Council.

Continuing with the topic of signage, our Committee packet contained pictures of signs at the entrance to Meadow Trail, part of MROSD's Windy Hill property. In light of their signage, our discussion revolved around our doing a better job on the entrance signage to the Coal Mine Ridge Trails at the bottom of Willowbrook and Alpine. T.Lee mentioned the opportunity to educate more fully users of these trails, both as to the routes and their permitted uses. While many trail users utilize maps on their devices, there was also discussion around returning to paper maps at this location as this is a commonly accepted practice at many entrance trailheads, and, again, an opportunity to educate hikers as to accepted trail usages.

In the future a subcommittee to work on a larger educational sign will be formed.

New Business: **a. Town Center 10 Year Celebration Saturday, September 8, 2018:** Hike and/or Information Table (Discussion): The event will be from 11-3. Would our Committee be interested in fielding a table and/or offer tours of the Town Center trails? J. Bourne thought the Conservation Committee may be having a tour of the pond area, which is now named Blue Heron Pond. It was suggested that copies of the hand-out, showing the trails around the Town Center, be made available for self-guided tours as there is a lot of activity that day, with the Town picnic also happening and jump houses for the kids. T. Lee will tell the organizing committee that we will not staff a table but suggest the flyer instead.

b. Community Hike Saturday, November 3, 2018: (Discussion): This has been approved. B. Eckstein showed the banner she made up and the Committee signed off on it and gave their approval.

c. Horse Fair Saturday, May 11, 2019: (Discussion): This has also been approved and is on the Town's calendar.

d. Site Development Plans: 155 Cherokee, 20 Minoca: At 155 Cherokee, they will be scoring driveway where town trail crosses and G. Hanning also requested that they include the fact that there is a trail on their plans. 20 Minoca – No comment.

Other Business: E. Ferrari told H. Young that she had cleared the bushes on Black Oak and Blue Oak trails so H. Young does not need to have staff do this. She also asked about repairing the Sweet Springs trail where it is badly eroded.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion, B. Eckstein seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 am.