

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES - Tuesday, January 21, 2020,8.15 am

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8.15 am.

ORAL /COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ROLL CALL: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, F. Leach. C. Hughes, Town Council Liaison; H. Young, Public Works Director; K. Stromeyer, Conservation; Mary Hufty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved with the following corrections: Under Old Business, a. Stanford Subdivision Subcommittee, 1st paragraph, 8th line: Remove sentence (J. Murphy is concerned about the wildlife and scenic corridor. If fences are along the western border, there may be no room for a trail or wildlife). 3rd paragraph: Remove 3rd line (noted that our Town Trails Element does not support trails near dense housing), and 5th line (without removing any trees). J. Coleman moved to approve the amended minutes, B. Eckstein seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Stanford Subdivision Subcommittee:** G. Hanning – (Update/Discussion):
G. Hanning submitted a second round of comments. In a holding pattern now as the town has filed incompleteness documents with Stanford.
- b. **Coal Mine Ridge Open Space, Maps and Signage:** S. Gold – (Update/Discussion): K. Stromeyer responsible for putting signs up. She says there are less people with dogs on the trail but still sees some bike usage. The website has the map on it.
- c. **Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget (December):** Howard – (Update/Discussion): J. Coleman says Cervantes is very good but needs more trimming up of branches. Staff is working on cleaning water bars on the more heavily used trails such as Coal Mine Ridge. Problem on Escobar with homeowner digging ditch and closing trail with sandbags and sign. Will refer to G. Andreini. M. Hufty says there needs to be a relationship between Westridge and the town and she will try and find someone from Westridge to put on the Committee. Asked that this be agenda item for next month. Denise Gilbert is organizing volunteers with Trail Center Group to work on Bay Laurel trail. As this is a town trail, will need to co-ordinate with H. Young. Will be put on Agenda for next Trails meeting as the Ranch is anxious to start on this and regard it as a volunteer opportunity.

G. Hanning said the ditch along Shady trail needs clearing. Location is by green fence up from where trail from Favonio intersects Shady. Suggests moving barbed wire fence and stakes, as water runs onto trail. Cut the stump back behind the rope fence. This is a capital intensive project. K. Stromeyer says there is a big tree covering most of the trail on lower Toyon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary:** G. Hanning accepted the role of Chair, E. Ferrari as Secretary and S. Gold proposed F. Leach as Vice Chair. J. Coleman made a motion to approve, B. Eckstein seconded and all were in favor.
- b. **Trail Assignments and Monitoring:** (Re-assign trails and continue monitoring?): E. Ferrari brought up the on-going problem of cars parking on the town trail on week-ends near Windy Hill parking lot. Cars are allowed to park on the verge but not supposed to lop over onto the town trail. H. Young will try and place wooden borders there to deter. Trail is completely blocked on Westridge near Alpine end due to construction. Fawn – H. Young said the Building Inspector did

address cars parking on trail with contractor. The gate to the project opens onto trail and a fence is in place. Road is on hill with a blind corner and it is dangerous to pass. The trail users are forced onto street when vehicles park on town trail. Suggest that members of the committee keep an eye out for all trails which they use, to report problems, as opposed to the previous job of reporting only on specific trails. Can use PV Connect. J. Coleman will re-send list to members. Can promote PV Connect at the Horse Fair. Can agendaize and discuss at a future meeting.

- c. **Town Hike:** (Choose date, discuss location): Need to select organizer and then date for hike. Need better marketing efforts. Suggest A. Doherty to chair this.
- d. **Development Plans:** G. Hanning (Discussion, if applicable): C. Hughes said the Neely Winery permit application is on-going and is returning to the Planning Committee. Suggests attending that Committee's meeting to voice concerns about commercial usage over town trail. Suggests agendaizing this with possible trail request as condition of permit.
- e. **Accolades:** (Discussion, if any): E. Ferrari sent out thank-you's to T. Lee and M. Rothrock, thanking them for their years of service on the Trails and Paths Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: J. Coleman made a motion to adjourn, G. Hanning seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9.40 am.