



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY  
Trails and Paths Committee Meeting  
November 10th 2015  
8:15 AM Historic Schoolhouse  
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA**

**TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:22AM.

**Roll Call:** Present-T.Lee, S.Gold, B.Eckstein, J.Paris,  
J.Shefren, A. Wengert, H. Young  
Absent- J.Coleman, S.Sweeney, E.Ferrari  
Guests: Alex and Stacy Doherty

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of October 13, 2015 were approved with B. Eckstein abstaining

**Oral Communications:** None

**Old Business:** Community Hike Review: Three Trails Committee members and fifteen diverse community members including a few children and dogs joined an enjoyable committee-sponsored community hike on the Alpine, Hillbrook, Sausal, Georgia, and Portola trails to / from the triangle park at the intersection of Portola and Alpine Roads on the beautiful morning of Saturday, November 7. Light refreshments were served afterwards. We look forward to planning the next one, including better describing and planning routes that can accommodate the most diverse range of community member hikers possible.

**New Business:** Financial Review and Trail Work Update-October 2015: H. Young indicated ditches have been cleaned in preparation for winter, the bridge at the base of Hillbrook trail had been repaired, and fallen trees cleared including on the Dwight Crowder trail. He also suggested we begin to consider when to close the relevant equestrian trails prior to winter, and who would close them. He requested the members report drains and culverts which might need maintenance or clearing to prevent potential problems.

Regarding the MROSD property and the potential of widening Alpine Trail between Los Trancos and Indian Crossing, H.Young indicated that the town was discussing next steps in communicating with MROSD about feasibility and timing.

H. Young indicated they will not be spraying pre emergent this year. He also mentioned the grass and wild flower seeds purchased via the Conservation Committee is located in the town corporation yard and indicated the committee is free to help ourselves to sacks of seeds and spread in appropriate rights of way on our own. We suggested this might be a good activity to include as part of the next community hike.

**Other Business:** Master Plan Update for Portola Valley Town Center: S. Gold is our designated liaison to the committee formed to update the master plan for Portola Valley's Town Center. However, any committee member or public is invited to attend as an interested public listener. The committee (Ted Driscoll-Chair), which recently met, will meet again on November 17. Progress will be reported to the Trails Committee as appropriate.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 9:05AM.

**Date & Time of**

**Next Meeting:** December 8, 2015, 8:15AM.