

## TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 8.15 AM, 2015

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8.18 AM.

**Roll Call:** Present: J. Coleman , B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold,  
T. Lee, J. Paris, J. Shefren, H. Young  
Absent: S. Sweeney  
Guest: Jeanette Hansen

### Approval of

**Minutes:** Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, were approved.

### Oral

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:**

- a. Seasonal Trail Closures: S. Gold will put the chains up on Arroyo and Old Spanish. E. Ferrari will close the balance in Blue Oaks, the Portola Valley Ranch and Larry Lane/ Hayfields. It will be posted on the town website.
- b. Horse Fair Review/Expenses:  
E. Ferrari submitted the expenses to the Committee for approval, for the 2015 Horse Fair. These expenses had been pre-approved by Nick Pegueros, prior Town Manager, during the fiscal year, July, 2014 to July, 2015. She will be taking this request for reimbursement to Acting Town Manager, Debbie Pedro, and Susan Cope.
- c. Town Center Master Plan Update: S. Gold is Trails Committee representative attending these meetings. She gave an account of her understanding of the mission statement of the Master Plan. Concern was raised by a committee member re. Springdown Pastures open space and that this was not developed or turned into a parking lot. H. Young said buildings cannot be put on the lot. Any development needs to be sensitive to the horse facility nearby. Members thought the description of the Master Plan in its mission statement appeared very generalized.

**New Business:**

- a. Financial Review and Trail Work Update-November 2015: H. Young is busy having ditches cleaned before winter. No spraying will be done now. T. Lee mentioned that the wire fence on the former Woods' estate is leaning over precariously on the Alpine Trail, opposite the Deli, and felt it was unsafe for equestrians to pass. E. Ferrari is aware of it and will review the situation to see if this needs fixing. Comments were made about the Westridge Trail leading down to Alpine Road. T. Lee says it is hard for pedestrians to walk on it as it is steep and rutted. He noted that there is no sidewalk so pedestrians would want to get off the road, which is quite busy. It was pointed out that this is a Westridge trail and would have to be referred to the Westridge Committee. H. Young will make enquiries and report back.

**Other Business:**

- a. Committee Member Application and Approval Process – Review: S. Sweeney will not be on the Committee any more. We expect to have a new Committee member. The official process now is that the application goes to the town and the Mayor consults with the Committee Chair, and then this would go to the Town Council for final

approval. J. Paris asked why the candidates do not come before the Committee so they can meet the applicant and ask questions. S. Gold was going to look into this process for future applicants. J. Shefren says that new Committee member, Alex Doherty, has made a large map of the town trails for the Committee members and she will email it to us.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 9.37AM.

**Date & Time of**

**Next Meeting:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 8.15 AM.