Ashland Upper Charles Trail Committee Minutes March 21, 2019 (190321) Ashland Town Hall Meeting Room B-C

Present: Joel Arbeitman, David Rosenblum, Marty Ring, Tony Lewis, Preston Crow, Rob Scherer, Valerie Paul, Chuck Lidz

Absent: Rick Hampson

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Rob told the committee about yesterday’s BOS meeting. BSC new plan for off road trail short section next to Main Street, between Homer Ave and Front St. This is part of downtown redesign. Rob talked about registering the town in IECC to vote on International Building Code. Brought to BOS by Sierra Club. It is possible that the AUCT can become voting members, too.

Joel and Tony discussed trail route through Voyagers Lane. This is to connect RTD access road to Ashland State Park (ASP). From Rt 135 they went about 100 feet and turned right onto private land that led to wide path to ASP dam.

We also discussed lot 2 of RTD property.

Marty made a motion to approve minutes of 1/3/19, 1/23/19 and 2/7/19 as written. Seconded by Chuck. Passed 7-0. Rob had to leave the meeting before the vote.

Marty reported on CPC committee interaction to look at getting CPA funding for the trail. Possibly for fall 2019 town meeting. One CPC member contacted thought that this was a good idea for fall funding. Marty to contact CPC co-chairs. The committee discussed what we might ask for.

We discussed possible next sections to work on after the Trolley Brook section.

Tony reported on the Friends group meeting. Nine people were at the meeting. The Friends Group is going to apply for an $1800 BAA grant. Others at meeting were working on 501(c)(3) status and doing a web site. The Friends Group is applying for a permit from conservation commission agent to do work on clearing the Trolley Brook line.

We discussed having an official Friends Group member be at our meeting and us attending Friends group, too. Valerie and Tony are currently doing this.

Next meeting will be April 4, 2019. To be followed by April 18th

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motion by Marty, seconded by Preston, 7-0.

List of Documents discussed:
New plan for off road trail short section next to Main Street, between Homer Ave and Front St.

Action Items:
Joel to look into the town retaining road grindings for trail surface.
Marty to contact CPC co-chairs.