

## Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

2/12/2025 City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, 41 Green Street

### Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Mark Cheever (Vice-Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Rik van Riel, Judy Weatherby, Nick Holmes, Jason Massa and Rebecca Ross.

Staff: Ron Klemarczyk, Carl Matson, Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner)

Guests: Kris Tardiff-Chair of Conservation Commission

Absent: None

1. Meeting called to order at 5:17 PM
2. Official welcoming of new Trail Subcommittee members; Jason Massa and Nick Holmes
3. Correction to minutes
  - a. Add Mark Cheever as additional Secretary at bottom of document.
  - b. Change number four bullets from lower case letters to Roman numerals.

Approval of 1/7/25 meeting minutes

Fran Philippe made the motion to approve, Judy Weatherby seconded the motion. Unanimous.

4. Edits were discussed and made to the 2024 Annual Report document.
  - a. Rebecca Ross suggested having Trail Steward's home towns available to the public. It was discussed to have this information "available upon request."
  - b. Add language for the Merrimack Greenway to "an all-persons trail."
  - c. Discussed adding group hike hours and NEMBA volunteer hours to total hours worked on trails.
  - d. Add addition of Ghost Pipe trail to the 2024 accomplishments.
  - e. Additional 2025 goals:
    1. Continue to review and update Trail Guide and website
    2. Continue with Mountain Goats community hikes
    3. Add interpretive signs at Swope winter recreation area and cellar holes at Curtisville Rd. and Old Frost Rd.
5. Trails maintenance and reporting
  - Ron Klemarczyk:
    - a. Cut two blowdowns at Russell Martin Park
    - b. Cut one blowdown on the West End Farm Trail
  - Carl Matson:
    - c. No issues other than a snowmobiler using the trails at Morono Park
6. Monthly city hikes
  - a. Carl Matson volunteered to lead the May hike
7. Trail Stewards

- a. Vacant: East Sugar Ball bike path
  - b. Vacant: Marsh Loop at Broken Ground
8. Other business
- a. Try to coordinate a hike with AARP
  - b. The suggestion of adding a switchback for easier mountain biking on the very steep section of the Swope/Winant Connector trail was denied by the Conservation Commission.
  - c. Adding hyperlinks for easier access to the Concord Trails Maps on the City website-no update.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Mark Cheever made the motion, Rebecca Ross seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary