

## Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

3/12/2025 City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, 41 Green Street

Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Rik van Riel, Judy Weatherbee, Nick Holmes, Jason Massa, Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission Liaison). and Rebecca Ross.

Staff: Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), Carl Matson, Annemarie Skinner (City Planner), and Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner).

Guests: Kris Tardiff (Chair Conservation Commission), Jim Owers (Conservation Commission),

Absent: Mark Cheever (Vice Chair)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Correction to minutes
  - a. Add titles to Andrew Gould and Mark CheeverApproval of 2/12/25 meeting minutes  
Nick Holmes made the motion and Rebecca seconded the motion. Unanimous.
3. Kris Tardiff presented about the planned trail on the Country Hill Estates property.
  - a. The trail serves as a bypass to District 5 trail. District 5 trail is mostly on private property.
  - b. The trail will enter from the public street and run entirely on city property.
  - c. More updates on this project to come next month.
4. Fran Philippe noted additions to the Trails Subcommittee Annual Report. Rik Van Riel made the motion to approve, Andrew Gould seconded the motion. Unanimous.
5. Annemarie Skinner presented The Trails Subcommittee Bylaws as a review for new members of the Trails Subcommittee.
6. Trails Guide Document: Fran Philippe requested some members to review this document to see if the text and maps are still accurate.
  - a. Members are to submit any edit requests through Kearsten O'Brien, who will forward to Fran for final editing.
7. Trails maintenance and reporting  
Ron Klemarczyk:
  - a. Reported on the history of the Broken Ground cellar holes.
  - b. Nick volunteered to design drafts of the signs.

Carl Matson:

- c. Carl noted there are rotted sign posts at Winant Park and Broken Ground.
  - d. One damaged sign at Oak Hill
  - e. Carl gave general updates on the Merrimack Greenway Recreational Trail, Russell Martin Park, Swope Park and White Farm.
8. Monthly city hikes
- a. March 29 Morono Park
  - b. April 26 Winant Park
  - c. Carl Matson volunteered to lead the May hike
  - d. Fran Philippe volunteered to lead the June hike
  - e. AARP walk to be discussed
9. Trail Stewards
- a. Vacant: East Sugar Ball bike path
  - b. Vacant: Marsh Loop at Broken Ground
  - c. Vacant: Riley Trails
10. Other business
- a. Nick Holmes presented the idea to have all members review the 2021 Concord Trails Plan for discussion and recommendations for future projects.
  - b. The plan forward is to have the Trails Subcommittee systematically review the Concord Trails Plan from 2021 by breaking it up by chapters (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Recommendations)
  - c. The Trails Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing chapters 1-2 to prepare for the April Trails Subcommittee meeting.
  - d. Nick Holmes made the motion to approve, Jason Massa seconded the motion, six in favor with one opposed (Rebecca Ross).
  - e. The Trails Subcommittee would like to thank Peter Bartlett, Wendy Olsen and Bob Lyons of the Mountain Goats hiking group for leading Concord group hikes.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM. Nick Holmes made the motion, Rick Van Riel seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary