

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

4/9/2025 City Hall, 2nd floor conference room, 41 Green Street

Members Present:

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

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

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission).

Absent: Mark Cheever (Vice Chair)

Guests: James Meinecke, Boyd Smith and Hansi Glahn

1. Meeting called to order at 5:17 PM.
2. Approval of 3/12/25 meeting minutes
Fran Philippe made the motion and Nick Holmes seconded the motion. Unanimous.
3. Trails maintenance and reporting
Ron Klemarczyk:
 - a. Merril Park trail work
 - b. Swope Park-installed winter recreation signs and some erosion control
 - c. Jim Hill Riverwalk trail work
 - d. Ron will speak with the water treatment department to see if they have concerns about making the trails by Russell Pond public.Carl Matson:
 - e. Picked up trash at multiple trail locations
 - f. Worked on drainage at multiple trail locations
4. Guest- Boyd Smith reported on blazes as Swope Park
 - a. Boyd suggested having less trail blazes because the trails are very obvious and the extra blazes are unpleasant to look at.
 - b. Nick Holmes made the motion to have Hansi Glahn (Trail Steward at Swope) select which trees to re-blaze and decide which blazes to let fade away. Andy seconded the motion, all voted in favor except for Rebecca Ross.
 - c. Rik Van Riel made an amendment to the motion to have one blaze in sight at all times while walking along the trail during leaf season. The motion is also to let the unnecessary blazes fade away. Rebecca Ross seconded the motion. Unanimous.
5. Review of the Trails Plan
 - a. The Trails Subcommittee discussed trails that are on private property or state land. Trail stewards are to report any issues to the city. The city may or may not

be able to fix the issues and can pass on the information to the applicable landowner.

6. Guest James Meinecke spoke about the old snowmobile trail that goes from Hanson Park (Town of Bow) to Clinton Street. This trail is currently not recognized as one of Concord's trails.
 - a. He mentioned the trail goes through his property but would like it moved more towards the back of his property.
 - b. Mr. Meinecke asked if we could make it part of the West End Farm Trail.
 - c. Due to time constraints it was moved to the May agenda.
7. Trail maps review
 - a. Jim Hill Riverwalk: remove spur trail along river
 - b. Jim Hill Riverwalk: Carl Matson to inquire about the history of the snowmobile bridge and sign
 - c. O' Reilly trails: Rename shorter loop trail to "Highwater Bypass"
 - d. Weir Road Trails: Do not add snowmobile trail that crosses the property
 - e. Weir Road Trails: Do not add colors to show adjacent private properties
 - f. Hoyt Road Marsh: Add note that it is an easy access trail towards the marsh
 - g. Oak Hill: Add a description about the Knowlton Woods area
 - h. Tirrell Park: Increase the size of the marking over the Healy Park area that says "closed for maintenance."
 - i. Winant Park: Add the trail that goes from Orange trail to the Cart Path Trail.
 - j. MGRT: Add paved bike path and remove blue trail next to river.
8. Monthly city hikes
 - a. April 26 Winant Park
 - b. Carl Matson volunteered to lead the May hike
 - c. Fran Philippe volunteered to lead the AARP hike on June 19th.
9. Trail Stewards
 - a. Rik Van Riel to send Spring trail check reminder to the stewards
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM. Nick Holmes made the motion, Judy Weatherby seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary