

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

5/14/2025 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Rik van Riel, Judy Weatherbee (Alternate-Member), Nick Holmes, Mark Cheever (Vice Chair) 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), Jim Owers (Conservation Commission).

Absent: Jason Massa

Guests: James Meinecke, Craig Tufts and Harry Vogt

1. Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM.
2. Approval of 4/9/25 meeting minutes.
 - a. Edits were made to items 6b, 6c, 8c and 9d
 - b. Nick Holmes made the motion to approve the minutes, and Judy Weatherbee seconded the motion. Unanimous
3. West End Farm Trail southern extension (Audubon to Hanson Park, Bow).
 - a. Rik Van Riel walked the trail with James Meinecke and gave a brief description
 - b. The Trails Subcommittee decided to revisit this later because of four higher priority projects taking place this year:
 - i. The new West End Farm Trail
 - ii. The former Richards' property trail
 - iii. The northerly bypass as part of the West End Farm Trail
 - iv. The Dimond Rd/ Reserve Place trail project
 - c. The Trails Subcommittee will send correspondence to James Meinecke that this is not a priority project this year. To move forward with this project, the Trails Subcommittee would need written documentation from all landowners stating their willingness to allow a trail easement through their property. The Trails Subcommittee requests that Mr. Meinecke to return to the Trails Subcommittee at a later date.
 - d. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve, Nick Holmes seconded the motion. Unanimous.
4. West End Farm Trail (Currier Rd. to old District 5 Rd./ Country Hill Estates)
 - a. Jim Owers presented the project
 - b. Andy Gould and Nick Holmes volunteered to be the project managers
 - c. Nick and Andy will plan a site walk with Ron Klemarczyk

5. Concord Bike Park
 - a. Andy Gould and Craig Tufts presented about this Parks and Recreation project and asked for ideas for a location
 - b. No new location ideas were identified by the Trails Subcommittee
 - c. Ron Klemarczyk, Jeff Lewis and Jim Owers all spoke in favor of the Russell Martin Park location.
6. Trails maintenance and reporting
Ron Klemarczyk:
 - a. Winant Park- replaced signpost and removed blowdowns
 - b. Swope Park- erosion control
 - c. WEFT at exit 3- removed blowdownsCarl Matson:
 - d. Picked up trash at multiple trail locations
 - e. Worked on drainage at multiple trail locations
 - f. Broken Ground- removed deer carcass from trail
 - g. Mast Yard- removed skunk carcass from trail
 - h. Added small plant/ flower gardens at multiple locations
7. Monthly city hikes
 - a. Fran Philippe volunteered to lead the June 19 hike at Jim Hill Riverwalk
 - b. Carl Mattson to lead the July hike. Date and location TBD.
 - c. August hike led by the Mountain Goats TBD
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. Mark Cheever made the motion; Rik Van Riel seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary