

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

6/11/2025 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:

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

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

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission), Jim Owers (Conservation Commission).

Absent: Carl Matson (Trail Ranger),

Guests: Max Hankard, Jonathan Riley

1. Meeting called to order at 5:14 PM.
2. Approval of 5/14/25 meeting minutes.
3. Jonathan Riley of Scouting America spoke about his troops needing conservation-based volunteer hours. The Trails Subcommittee suggested the following:
 - a. Trail clean up
 - b. Carrying lumber for upcoming bridge projects
 - c. Helping with bridge building and other trail projects
 - d. Ron Klemarczyk will coordinate efforts with Jonathan
4. Trails maintenance and reporting
Ron Klemarczyk:
 - a. There is a mud bog in the powerlines on Marsh Loop trail at Broken Ground. Ron listed a couple options for a go around or building a long bridge.
 - b. Lumber will be delivered to District 5 Road on 6/12/25 and will need to be carried into bridge spots on the new West End Farm Trail project.
 - c. Ron spoke about the difficulty to fix the bridge at Jim Hill Riverwalk due to Spring high water levels. This project is on hold until water recedes.Carl Matson (not present):
 - d. Homeless camp near radio towers on Locke Road
 - e. Map at Knowlton Woods needs to be replaced
 - f. Tree cutting and maintenance performed at multiple locations
5. Trail Stewards Summary
 - a. Rik Van Riel provided a long list of maintenance needs
 - b. The Trails Subcommittee decided white blazes should be used for the Ghost Pipe trail at Broken Ground

6. Richards Community Forest Trail Update
 - a. Jeff Lewis gave an update on this project that abuts the Spear Park trails.
 - b. This will be an upland forest loop off the eastern Spear Park trail.
 - c. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve the new trail, Nick Holmes seconded the motion, unanimous.
7. West End Farm Trail (Currier Rd. to the public/ paved District 5 Rd.)
 - a. Andy Gould and Nick Holmes gave an update on the project
 - b. Rebecca Ross requested a map showing the GPS track and the property boundaries.
 - c. Nick and Andy to provide information to Kearsten to help facilitate NH Fish and Game and the Natural Heritage Bureau site visits
 - d. A wetlands permit will be needed to raise the causeway area
 - e. The upper section of the trail needs a bridge and a plank walk
 - f. Next step: site walk with the Conservation Commission and Trails Subcommittee
8. Monthly city hikes
 - a. AARP to lead the June 19 hike at Jim Hill Riverwalk
 - b. July 26, Marjory Swope hike
 - c. August 23, Winant Park hike
9. Staff updates: none
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. Rebecca Ross made the motion, Nick Holmes seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary