

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

7/9/2025, West End Farm Trail

Site Walk Members Present:

Andrew Gould (Secretary), Nick Holmes, Mark Cheever (Vice Chair), Jason Massa and Rebecca Ross.

Staff: Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), Carl Matson (Trail Ranger), AnneMarie Skinner (City Planner), Kearsten O' Brien (Senior Planner), Krista Tremblay (Administrative Assistant III)

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission), Michelle Horne (Ex-Officio Conservation Commission), Emily Landry (Conservation Commission), Mark Coen (Conservation Commission)

Guests: Max Hankard, Don Ross, Greg Pollack, Albert Richards

1. Site walk on the proposed West End Farm Trail. Ron Klemarczyk pointed out important features along the trail such as property boundaries, ecological points of interest and areas that need culverts.

7/9/2025 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

2. Joint meeting with the Conservation Commission 7:01 pm.
Trails Subcommittee Members present: Andrew Gould (Secretary), Nick Holmes, Mark Cheever (Vice Chair), Jason Massa, Fran Philippe (Chair) and Rebecca Ross.
 - a. Ron Klemarczyk gave overview of trail
 - b. Ron talked about the status on the NHDES Wetlands Permit. The permit is needed for the installation of two culverts, adding some fill and constructing a bridge. The permit process has been initiated.
 - c. Natural Heritage Bureau: no impacts to wetlands or other areas.
 - d. Mr. Ross (guest) expressed some concern over deer habitat areas along the proposed trail.
 - e. Nick Holmes and Andrew Gould reviewed the answers to the Trails Criteria checklist. It was suggested to add erosion control to #1 on items that might pose a challenge to the trail. It was suggested to add difficulty for emergency response personnel access to #8 on the items that might pose a challenge to the trail.
 - f. Next steps: present the updated Trails Criteria at the August Trails Subcommittee meeting then hold a September public hearing.
3. Dimond Road trail project

- a. Ron Klemarczyk presented on the status of the NHDES Wetland Permit. Minor filling of a vernal pool would be needed for the reroute away from the Ross property.
 - b. An 800' section of trail would need to be constructed.
- 4. Spear Park/ Richards property trail.
 - a. Jeff Lewis scheduled the public hearing for the proposed trail.
- 5. Max Hanker submitted his resume to join the Trails Subcommittee. Max was approved by the Conservation Commission for the Alternate Member position.

Andrew Gould

Secretary