

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

8/13/2025 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:

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

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

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent: Mark Cheever (Vice Chair)

Guests:

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Approval of 6/11/25 meeting minutes. Rik Van Riel made the motion to approve, Rebecca Ross seconded the motion. Unanimous.
3. Approval of 7/9/25 meeting minutes. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve, Jason Massa seconded the motion. Unanimous.
4. Trails maintenance and reporting
Ron Klemarczyk:
 - a. Working on the Jim Hill Riverwalk bridge replacement.
 - b. Working on the Oak Hill bridge near the summit.
 - c. West End Farm Trail- NHDES Wetlands Permit submitted and confirmed to move forward with the project. Waiting for final signed permit to arrive.
 - d. Work and cutting to commence on the new Richards Community Forest trail.Carl Matson:
 - e. Mowing and cutting at various locations.
 - f. Trash cleanup at various locations.Andy Gould:
 - g. Cut a couple blowdowns on the WEFT.
5. Trail Stewards Summary
 - a. Vacancies- northern part of Broken Ground
 - b. Remove Heritage trail signs on Locke Road trails?
6. Maps
 - a. Map needed for the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail
 - b. Heritage Trail map should be updated regarding heritage trails signs. An inquiry should be made.

- c. Spears Park map- add "Richards" or "Richards Community Forest" to the title and signs.
- 7. West End Farm Trail (Currier Rd. to the public/ paved District 5 Rd.)
 - a. Nick Holmes presented the updated trails criteria document.
 - b. The Trails Subcommittee requested the Conservation Commission to have a public hearing. Nick Holmes made the motion, Rik Van Riel seconded the motion. Unanimous.
 - c. Next step: Public hearing on September 10, 2025
- 8. Monthly city hikes
 - a. July 26, Marjory Swope hike
 - b. August 23, Winant Park hike
 - c. Moon walk presented by Concord Parks and Recreation September 6, 2025
 - d. September 20, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Broken Ground- Knowell Trail. Led by Bob.
 - e. October 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Knowlton/ Bowl trails hike up to Oak Hill. Led by Bob.
 - f. November 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Sewalls Falls Trail. Led by Peter.
- 9. Staff updates: none
- 10. Other
 - a. Future discussion about listing All Persons Trails to guide/ website. Mark and Rebecca to proceed with the discussion.
 - b. Outreach ideas were discussed to help promote the trails such as adding QR codes to trail signs.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM. Nick Holmes made the motion, Rik Van Riel seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary