

## Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

10/8/2025 City Hall

Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Nick Holmes, Max Hankard, and Mark Cheever (Vice Chair). Rik Van Riel.

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

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent: Judy Weatherbee (Alternate), Jason Massa, Rebecca Ross.

Guests: Fred Richards and David Richards

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Approval of 9/10/25 meeting minutes. Mark Cheever made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Nick Holmes seconded the motion. Unanimous.

### 3. Trails maintenance and reporting

Ron Klemarczyk:

- a. Cleared the WEFT and need to cut high stumps and have the causeway looked at.
- b. Cleared and blazed the Betty and Warren Richards trail.
- c. Scouting America helped clear brush on the Betty and Warren Richards trail.
- d. Noted a rogue trail off Luti Loop at Oak Hill
- e. Swope tree removed.
- f. Jim Hill tree removed.

Carl Matson:

- a. Investigated a report of a rogue trail at Winant Park.
- b. Cleaned up bittersweet at Terrill Park
- c. Started city easement monitoring

Nick Holmes/ Andy Gould/ Carl Matson:

- a. Work continues on the WEFT including leaf blowing and brush clean up.
- b. Nick Holmes removed barbed wire that was in the ground on the WEFT

### 4. All Persons Trail

- a. The committee discussed different designations for all person's trails, from very easy walkable to ADA compliant trails.
- b. A number of possible locations were discussed including Sewalls Falls, Langley Parkway, Winant Park behind the Unitarian Universalist church, the Concord-Sunapee rail trail, the MGRT and the new rail trail from Commercial Street to Boscawen.
- c. Cheever and O'Brien will work on creating a list of trails for further discussion.

5. Betty and Warren Richards Trail
  - a. Ron discussed the long-term plans to connect it to Victoria Lane
  - b. Plans to update the Spear's Park kiosk to include the Betty and Warren Richards Community Forest
  - c. Ron will be installing the signs for the new trail.
  - d. Conservation Commission needs to draft a formal agreement to withdraw the right to cut firewood on the property with the Richard's Family.
  
6. West End Farm Trail
  - a. Work in progress (see trail reports above)
  - b. Fran Philippe commended the work done by the Ron, Nick, and Andrew project managers.
  
7. Trails Guide and maps updates
  - a. Healy Park- Keep closed for now. No updates
  - b. Mast Yard- no updates
  - c. Carter Hill Orchard- colors and trail names to be updated
  
8. Monthly city hikes
  - a. NH Audubon scheduled to hold a birdwatching walk at the Contoocook River Park on October 10, 2025 from 8:00-9:30
  - b. October 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Knowlton/ Bowl trails hike up to Oak Hill. Led by Bob
  - c. November 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Sewalls Falls Trail. Led by Peter
  
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. Mark Cheever made the motion, Rik Van Riel seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary