

## Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

12/10/2025 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Rik Van Riel, Mark Cheever (Vice Chair), Jason Massa, Max Hankard and Rebecca Ross.

Staff: Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester) and Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner)

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent: Judy Weatherbee (Alternate), Nick Holmes, and Carl Matson (Trail Ranger)

Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order at 5:20 PM.
2. Approval of 11/12/25 meeting minutes. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Rik Van Riel seconded the motion, unanimous.
3. Trails maintenance and reporting
  - a. Ron Klemarczyk:
    - Replaced a sign on Marsh Loop at Broken Ground.
    - West End Farm Trail: Worked with Andrew Gould to move fence rails ½ way to the Payson property. Ron moved the fence posts to same location.
    - WEFT signs are ready to be installed, and the trail is ready to be blazed.
    - Replaced plank walk on Oak Hill Tower trail
    - Ron will set up a work day to haul the fencing.
  - b. Carl Matson: (absent)
4. Old Business
  - a. No discussion on all person's trails
  - b. WEFT- see above
  - c. Trail Guide Updates for Review
    - i. Sewalls Falls: add bench west of bridge, make the River Trail red to be consistent with others.
    - ii. Morono Park: remove mowed path from map.
    - iii. ii. Oak Hill: Andrew Gould and Max Hankard to edit narrative about Knowlton Forest.
    - iv. iii. Merrill Park: No edits
    - v. iv. SPNHF: No edits.
    - vi. v. Batchelder Mills Trails: Add Beth's bench to the map and remove the all person's access sign from the map.
    - vii. vi. East Sugar Ball trail: No edits.

- viii.   vii: White Farm Winter Trails: Remove woodland trail reference and edit paragraph #5 and #6.
  - ix.     viii: Upton Morgan: No edits
  - x.     All maps: Edit legend text to say, “Keep to official blazed trails” and “Respect private property”.
- d. Granite Ledges Trail discussion: Rebecca Ross made the motion to not move forward with the Granite Ledges trail project at this time. Jason Massa seconded the motion, unanimous.

5. Other Business

a. Hikes

- December 13. Carter Hill led by Wendy.
- January 10. Boscawen led by Judi.
- Mark Cheever made the motion to approve the Audubon birding walk on May 2, 2026 at the Contoocook River Park. Rik Van Riel seconded the motion, unanimous.

6. Staff Updates: None

7. Concord Trails Plan Chapters 4&5 discussion: Did not discuss.

8. Mark Cheever made the motion to adjourn at 6:48. Jason Massa seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary