

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

1/14/2026 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:

Fran Philippe (Chair), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Mark Cheever (Vice Chair), Jason Massa, Max Hankard (Alternate), Nick Holmes and Rebecca Ross.

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

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent: Judy Weatherbee (Alternate), Rik Van Riel, and Carl Matson (Trail Ranger)

Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Approval of 12/10/25 meeting minutes. Mark Cheever made the motion, Rebecca Ross seconded the motion, unanimous.
3. Trails maintenance and reporting
 - a. Ron Klemarczyk:
 - West End Farm Trail: Worked with Andrew Gould, Jason Massa, Nick Holmes and two others to move the fence lumber to the Payson property.
 - WEFT signs are ready to be installed, and the trail is ready to be blazed.
 - b. Carl Matson: (absent)
 - c. Broken Ground signage: Ron Klemarczyk is drafting the narratives for the three cellar holes. Fran Philippe will inquire about AARP paying for the signs.
4. Old Business
 - a. All-persons trails: 4 trails are ready or almost ready to be designated all-persons trails.
 - Rebecca Ross will create a chart of various trail types and what maps they can be found on. This chart would be added as part of the table of contents in the trail guide and website.
 - We discussed adding the Concord-Sunapee Rail Trail to the list of all-persons trails.
 - b. WEFT: Five items remaining- signage, blazes, updating maps, building the fence and an opening ceremony.
 - c. Trail Guide Updates for Review:
 - i. Terrill Park: Remove Healy Park map and information.
 - ii. East Concord Connections:
 - Add the rest of the NHTI trail.
 - Add two Merrill Park trails.
 - Remove Heritage Trail logo from the PDF.

- West Locke Road Trails will be its own map #19.
 - Remove West Locke Road trail names from this map
- iii. Winant Park: Add new orange trail
 - iv. Dimond Hill: Add “see WEFT trail map” at the top of this map.
 - v. Silk Farm/ Audubon Trails: Add all-persons trail to bike path and green loop.
 - vi. Swope Park: No edits.
5. Other Business
 - a. Elections: Mark Cheever was voted in as Chair, Andrew Gould was voted in as Secretary and Nick Holmes was voted in as Vice Chair.
 - b. Hikes
 - i. February 21, 2026, Broken Ground
 - ii. March 8, 2026, Jim Hill Riverwalk
 - iii. April TBD
 - iv. May 2, 2026, NH Audubon walk at Contoocook River Park
 6. Staff Updates: None
 7. Concord Trails Plan Chapters 4&5 discussion: Did not discuss.
 8. Adjourn at 6:40.

Andrew Gould

Secretary