

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes


11/13/2024 City Hall, 2nd floor conference room, 41 Green Street

Present:

Andrew Gould, Rebecca Ross, Fran Phillippe (Chair), Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), AnneMarie Skinner (City Planner), Judy Barrett Weatherbee (alternate), Rik Van Riel, Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent:

Mark Cheever, Aaron Monier, Carl Matson (Trails Ranger), Gail Page

1. Meeting called to order at 5:17 PM
2. Approval of 10/9/24 meeting minutes:
 - a. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve, and Andrew Gould seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Trails Subcommittee positions:
 - a. Gail Page and Fran Phillippe will be resigning effective 12/31/2024, leaving two Trails Subcommittee positions open.
4. 2025 trails subcommittee meeting schedule:
 - a. Change the January meeting to Tuesday, January 7th.
5. Trail Stewards:
 - a. Rick Van Riel will be adding “no leaf blowing or raking” to the trail maintenance guide document.
 - b. Trail maintenance guide has been sent to the trail stewards for review and comment.
 - c. One steward position open for the Locke Road Trails.
6. Beth’s bench:
 - a. The bench has been installed at Batchelder Mills Falls.
7. Trails Reporting:
 - a. Ron Klemarczyk noted that someone cut trailside saplings along the Swope to District 5 connector and left behind dangerous waist high sapling stumps.
 - b. It was recommended to have Carl Matson read the trails maintenance guide to make sure Ron and Carl are able to report on similar findings when they are out in the field.
8. Russell Pond signs:
 - a. Add a legend to the right of the map listing two things.
 - b. “ You are here”
 - c. “- - - - - existing trail”

- d. Rebecca Ross made the motion to approve, Rik van Riel seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

9. Invasive Species:

- a. Keep invasives on the monthly agenda.
- b. Ron Klemarczyk discussed the difficulty of removing invasive plants and eradication options.
- c. Bittersweet and other invasives were cut back at the Riley trails.

10. City Hikes:

- a. Hikes have been scheduled for November 2024 to March 2025.
- b. It was recommended for participants to wear nano spikes or micro spikes if the conditions are icy or slippery.

11. Trail maps and guidebook:

- a. Sewalls Falls map #10.
 - i. The trail from Sewalls Falls Road south to the bridge should be marked as an all-persons trail.
 - ii. Remove part of the loop north of Sewalls Falls Road.
- b. Morono Trails map #11.
 - i. Remove the “mowed path”
- c. White Farm Winter Trails #17.
 - i. Change name to “Memorial Field and White Farm Winter Trails.”
 - ii. Do not add the trails on the nursing home property.
- d. Healy and Terrill Park #19.
 - i. Keep as is
- e. East Concord Trails #20.
 - i. Change to two maps
 - ii. One map would be “West Locke Road Trails”
 - iii. The other map would be “East Concord Trail Connections.” This map would show the larger area of trail systems, the bike path and road connections.
- f. Rossvie trails #28.
 - i. Leave map as is for now.
 - ii. Rebecca Ross requested the city to remove old bridges from discontinued trails on the Ross property.
- g. Swope Winant Connector #31.
 - i. Change the name to “Swope/ Winant Connector trail.”

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM. Unanimously approved.

Andrew Gould

Interim Secretary