Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

3/11/2026 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:
Fran Philippe, Judy Weatherby (Alternate), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Mark Cheever (Chair), Jason Massa, and Rebecca Ross.
Staff: Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner), and Beth Fenstermacher (City Planner).
Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission).
Absent: Rik Van Riel, Max Hankard (Alternate), Nick Holmes (Vice Chair), Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), and Carl Matson (Trail Ranger).

1. Meeting called to order at 5:17 PM.

2. Approval of 2/11/26 meeting minutes. Fran Phillipe made the motion, Rebecca Ross seconded the motion, unanimous.

3. New Business

   a. Request from René Marro to close and reroute part of the West End Farm Trail near Currier Road. Jeff Lewis will consult with Ron Klemarczyk and report back next month.

4. Trails maintenance and reporting
   a. Ron Klemarczyk: absent
   b. Carl Matson: absent
   c. Annual Report:
   - Edits to the 2025 accomplishments:
     1a. Remove hikes led by the Audubon.
     2. Try to log trail work hours more accurately in the future. Add 100-hour summary statement and Rik would clarify at the meeting.
   - Edits to the 2026 Priorities and Tasks:
     Priorities:
     3.5. Finalize installation of signage at Oak Hill and Broken Ground.
     3.6. Complete outstanding trail additions, including updating the guidebook, and promoting the new completed sections.
     4.Trail Stewards: List trail steward summary instead of listing individual names.
     5. Trail Volunteers: Delete this part.

5. Old Business

a. All-persons trails: Fran Philippe recommended removing the East Sugar Ball Trail. Approved.
b. West End Farm Trail: Five items remaining- signage, blazes, updating maps, building the fence and a possible opening ceremony. Kearsten O'Brien will talk to Ron Klemarczyk about the new signs.
c. Update to the Trails Subcommittee web page. No updates.
d. Trail Guide Updates for Review:

Map 26:

i. Condense trail description in narrative.
ii. Add parking areas and make consistent with map no. 28.
iii. Remove private property, no trespassing boxes

Map 28:

iv. Remove private property, no trespassing boxes.
v. Remove "you are here" box.
vi. Kearsten O'Brien to make these two maps consistent.
vii. Fran Philippe presented new language for the Rossview Farm conservation land parts of the maps.

6. Other business:
   a. Hikes
      - March 8, 2026, Jim Hill Riverwalk
      - April 4, 2026, Morono Trails skunk cabbage hike 10 AM.
      - May 2, 2026, NH Audubon hike at Contoocook River Park

7. Staff Updates: None

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

9. Adjourn at 6:51. Fran Philippe made the motion, Rebecca Ross seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary