Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

6/10/2026 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present:
Fran Philippe, Andrew Gould (Secretary), Rik Van Riel, Mark Cheever (Chair), Jason Massa, Nick Holmes (Vice Chair), Rebecca Ross and Judy Weatherbee (Alternate),
Staff: Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner), Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), Carl Matson (Trail Ranger).
Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission).
Absent: Max Hankard (Alternate).
Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM.

2. Approval of 4/8/26 meeting minutes. Fran Phillipe made the motion, Rik Van Riel seconded the motion. Unanimous.

3. New Business

    a. Marsh Loop Trail-did not discuss.
    b. Andrew Gould proposed the following: Pending the consent of the Conservation Commission – to consider trails crossing signs and crosswalk paint on the Swope-Winant Connector Trail at Long Pond and Fiske Roads. Andrew to draft a request to Kearsten, who will forward to the appropriate city division. Mark Cheever made the motion to approve, Nick Holmes seconded the motion. Unanimous.
    c. Trails maintenance and reporting
    d. Ron Klemarczyk:
        - Installed signs on the new section of the West End Farm Trail
        - Replaced wood on a Winant Park bridge
        - Installed the historical signs at Broken Ground
        - Worked on erosion control on the Winant-Swope Connector
        - Fixed the fence at Spear Park
        - Provided an update on the logging operation at Riley Park
    e. Carl Matson:
        - Mowed and cut brush at trailheads
        - Mowed the field section of the Jim Hill Riverwalk trail
        - Picked up trash at the Locke Road property
    f. Rik Van Riel- Trail Stewards update
        - Rik received reports on 24 trails.
4. Old Business

a. Fran Philippe will order the yellow West End Farm Trail signs for the Carter Hill Orchard end of the trail.
b. Trail Guide updates for review:
- Map 28- Fran Philippe to edit the language as recommended by the committee.
- Map 26- Mark to edit the language.
- Remove “mountain bike trail” from Oak Hill and Broken Ground maps

5. Other business:
   a. Hikes
      - June 27, 2026, Wendy will lead at Batchelder Mill Park.
      - July 3, 2026, Lead TBD at Jim Hill Riverwalk
      - August 29, 2026, Bob to lead at Oak Hill

6. Staff Updates: Discussion was had regarding the request by Mr. Marro to reroute the WEFT adjacent to his property at 76 Currier Rd. The Trails Subcommittee will add the topic to the July agenda for subcommittee discussion.

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

8. Adjourn at 6:47. Mark Cheever made the motion, Fran Philippe seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary