Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

9/9/2026 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

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

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

2. Consent Agenda

    a. Approval of the 8/12/2026 meeting minutes. Fran Philippe made the motion. Nick Holmes seconded the motion. Unanimous.

    b. City Forester Report: accepted
    - Ron Klemarczyk cut trees along a few trails and worked on boundary marking at the Hooksett Turnpike property.

    Trail Ranger Report: accepted
    - Carl Matson has been trimming Winant Park and the West End Farm Trail.
    - Mast Yard- no issues to report.
    - MRGT/ sunflower trail- no issues to report.
    - Russell Martin Park- no issues to report.
    - Morono Park trails- removed old signs.
    - Contoocook River Park- cut trees.
    - Locke Road- more illegal dumping.

3. New Business

    a) Fran Philippe discussed labeling or not labeling specific trails "mountain bike trails" on the city maps. Matt Bowser spoke to the Trails Subcommittee about keeping Concord's trails multi-use trails and to not discourage other groups from using specific trails. The Subcommittee decided to not identify the three mountain bike trails as such.

4. Old Business

    a. Marsh Loop trail discontinuance discussion: The Trails Subcommittee went through the procedure for discontinuing a trail guidance document and discussed each

of the points. Fran Philippe made the motion to not discontinue the trail. Mark Cheever seconded the motion. Unanimous.

- Matt Bowser recommended narrowing and fixing the trail from becoming too wide
- Ron Klemarczyk will investigate possible reroute options nearby.

b. West End Farm Trail guide description- The Trails Subcommittee reviewed and made edits to the description.

5. Other business:
   a. Hikes
      - September 19, 2026, Wendy to lead a hike at Swope

6. Staff Updates: None

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

8. Adjourn at 6:45. Nick Holmes made the motion, Fran Philippe seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary