CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES- Draft

September 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 37 Green St

Attendees:	Vice-Chair Jeff Lewis, Kevin Porter, Alternate Jim Owers, Rick Chormann, Mark Coen, Councilor Michele Horne, Katherine Healy Tracey Lesser and Alternate Member Bruce Currie
Absent:	Chair Kristine Tardiff
Staff:	Kearsten O'Brien, Senior Planner Krista Tremblay, Administrative Technician III
Public:	Ron Klemarczyk, contracted City Forester Stacy Brown Jane Landry (78 Currier Rd, Concord) Jeff Litchfield (9 Columbus Ave, Concord) Matt Brodeur (Canterbury) James Jastrzebski (91 Reserve Place, Concord) Linden Rayton (173 Penacook Rd, Contoocook) Sam Evans-Brown (30 Long Pond Rd, Concord) Tom Lambert (3 Mooreland Ave, Concord) Telus Marek Tomasz (324 Dolly Rd, Hopkinton) Andy Gould Jim Graham (1 Terrace Rd, Concord) David Degler (9 Otter Dr, Concord) Steve Conway (11 Fernwood Pl, Bow) Mark Dube (42 Quimby Rd, Bow) Susan Wood (11 Dwinell Dr, Concord) Mark Meganello (5 Wildemere Ter, Concord) Erin Waters (22 Harvard St, Concord)

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lewis at 7:01 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda:
   a. Minutes – Approve meeting minutes from meeting on August 12, 2026
      Alternate Member Owers moved, Member Coen seconded, to approve the August 12, 2026 as written. All in favor. The motion passed. Vice-Chair Jeff Lewis noted he was not at the meeting.

   b. Forestry Report
      Mr. Klemarczyk presented the Commission with his Monthly Forestry Report.

   c. Local River Advisory Committees
      There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

   d. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Ms. O'Brien noted there was an email sent to the commission and there was no action needed.

3. Public Hearing regarding the discontinuance of a portion of the West End Farm Trail located at 74 Currier Rd.

Vice Chair Lewis stated the Public Hearing regarding the discussion and the recommendation made by the Trails Subcommittee regarding the West End Farm Trail. Vice Chair Lewis briefly reviewed the Conservation Commission's role is to gather and consider relevant information regarding the request to discontinue the WEFT portion of the trail at 74 Currier Rd and then come to a decision at a future meeting. The Marro's have requested to continue the public hearing to October 14th as they were unable to attend this evenings meeting. The Commission will open tonight's public hearing for those who were able to attend to receive the public testimony and then the commission will make a motion after the public hearing to continue the public hearing to a date certain of October 14th. At the July 8 meeting, the Trails Subcommittee completed the information-gathering portion of its review. As part of that process, the Subcommittee received information regarding the proposed discontinuance and had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the matter. At the August 12th Trails Subcommittee meeting the Subcommittee deliberated on a recommendation to make to the Conservation Commission. The recommendation from the Trails Subcommittee is linked to the Conservation Commission agenda for this evenings meeting. The purpose of the agenda item is to **conduct a public hearing** to receive public testimony regarding the request to discontinue the portion of the WEFT located at 74 Currier road. The Conservation Commission will consider the testimony and information received, together with the adopted *Criteria for Discontinuance of a Trail*, before taking any final action on the request. Vice Chair Lewis emphasized that the Commission is **not making the final decision regarding discontinuance of the West End Farm Trail until a future meeting**.
With that procedural overview,

Vice Chair Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:09 pm

Stacey Brown, Councilor for Ward 5 representing her constituent stated this has been an issue since June of 2023. Ms. Brown explained the issues with what the abutters are experiencing along the trail and parking lot. Ms. Brown suggested mitigation of a fence for the parking lot and for the Commission to work with abutters.

Jason Massa is a property owner and member of the Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee. Mr. Massa noted the process was stumbled over. However, does not know if the people making the request are without fault. Mr. Massa does not feel the tax payers should pay for a fence and would like to consider the rest of the people in the city.

Jane Landry shares a driveway with the Marro's. She is concerned about her neighbor. She stated he plows snow into the parking lot and plays loud music directed at the trail. She is concerned about the shooting. She does not feel they are a good neighbor. She feels he has caused a lot of problems for

himself. Ms. Landry wants to keep the parking lot and trail open.

Jeff Litchfield stated on May 17th he was at the trail with his wife and friends at 9 a.m. in the parking lot. Mr. Litchfield stated the moment they stepped onto the trail shooting started on the abutting property. Mr. Litchfield noted once they stepped off the property line the shooting stopped. Mr. Litchfield feels the abutting neighbor is trying to intimidate people to prevent them from using the trail. Mr. Litchfield also noted the abutters dogs were unleashed and go off of the abutter's property into the trail. Mr. Litchfield noted a fence could make a good neighbor.

Matt Bowser with the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) testified stating there are 36 residents in the group. Mr. Bowser stated he cannot attest to city and land owner. However, commends they city for providing open space. The connectivity link are key to giving continuity to the trail systems. Mr. Bowser can attest to the section by the parking lot where there are mannequin and signs. Mr. Bowser feels this is important to maintain.

James Jastrzebski of Reserve Place stated there is an easement that runs along and behind his property. Mr. Jastrzebski stated if there was no parking lot people will park on Currier Rd and off-street parking would be a hazard. Mr. Jastrzebski is in favor of the parking lot.

Linden Rayton of Hopkinton testified in regards her experience along the Currier Rd section of the WEFT. Ms. Rayton owns a business that brings people onto trails and educates them on what they find on the trails. Ms. Rayton stated Last year she gathered with ten of her friends. They arranged carpooling at the start point and end point. They were all wearing blaze orange as it was hunting season. Four of her friends were already at the parking lot. The parking lot was empty and the surrounding woods were quiet. They gathered in a large group, and did some introductions, etc. While the group was talking, several gun shots went off, clearly from very nearby. Ms. Rayton stated they all jumped a little bit but then shrugged and kept talking because it is hunting season.

Ms. Rayton stated they started down the trail and in the approximately 8 minutes it took them to cover the first 100 yds, the landowner next to the trail fired roughly 30 rounds. She stated it was nearly constant. She stated they got to the point where the trail comes extremely close the end of the firing range, and there were many signs there warning you not to step in the wrong direction or you will be downrange. Ms. Rayton stated it was hard to tell from the sign placement whether continuing down the blazed trail would indeed put them downrange, or whether those signs referred to a different direction. She stated they paused for about 20 seconds, in which it felt like 8 more rounds were shot. It became constant. Once they were 20 feet past that point they came across a disembodied mannequin head on a pole, planted in the ground and all shooting had stopped. Ms. Rayton felt this incident was harassing and went to Concord Police department and made police report.

Sam Evans-Brown stated he uses all of the trails and lives in Concord because of the trails. The city has great recreational resources. Mr. Evans-Brown can attest to the gun shots and being chased by dogs that

are not on a leash.

Tom Lambert stated he moved back to Concord because his former community did not have the same amount of trails. Mr. Lambert is in support of the parking lot and trails.

Telus Marek Tomasz of Hopkinton, stated he enjoys this trail and wants nothing to happen to this section. There is a value to the trail system and losing a parking lot or section of trail would be a shame. Mr. Tomasz had situations in past with the abutter's dogs attacking. Mr. Tomasz has heard from people in Hopkinton about the parking lot and hearing gun shots from the abutting property.

Andy Gould stated he is a member of the Trails Subcommittee and stated that there are many trails next to other people's property. Mr. Gould felt the trails are important and there is no reason why this abutter should be treated any different.

Jim Graham stated he is on the trails daily. Mr. Graham stated the reason they moved to Concord is access to trails and the outdoors. There are trails near other people houses. Mr. Graham stated he read meeting minutes from previous meetings and noted concern about litter being discussed. Mr. Graham stated on Saturday he went to three trail heads and collected trash. Mr. Graham presented three bags of trash collected. Mr. Graham presented (2) gallon ziplock bags with trash from two other City owned properties and then presented a sandwich bag with one piece of trash and a child's sock. Mr. Graham noted there are issues with gun shots being heard from the trail and dogs attacking. Mr. Graham would like the trail to remain open and would support a fence being erected.

David Degler stated he also abuts a trail that has an easement for the sewer line on his property for city. He stated people use the trail all of the time. Mr. Degler is not crazy about the Commission using tax dollars to erect a fence for an abutter. Mr. Degler stated he loves the trail and that there is a trail system. Mr. Degler has noticed minimal trash in the parking lot. Mr. Degler has been to the Currier Rd parking lot and has heard gun fire. He stated the abutters dogs have come from their property onto the trail being aggressive. He stated there is no effort to control dogs.

Steve Conway with the Bow Pioneers stated he has been with the snowmobile club for 15 years. Mr. Conway stated this started 2 years ago with phone calls and texts about the dogs from the Marro's. Mr. Conway stated the snowmobile club made efforts to slow snowmobile riders down by installing signs. He stated that this year there was an issue with closing the gate. He stated it is a safety concern especially at night. Mr. Conway said there were trees cut down across trail.

Mark Dube is with the Bow Pioneers. Mr. Dube noted this winter they had a rough going along the trail. There were large trees that were knocked down from the abutting property across the trail. Mr. Dube noted people are afraid and it is an unsafe situation. Mr. Dube noted after they cleared the trees that did not stop from closing a gate with lock and cut lock. There are piles snow against trails. Mr. Dube noted they had many people help to maintain the snow mobile trail. Mr. Dube noted he has been with the

snowmobile club before there was a parking lot and noted prior to the parking lot being installed people were parking on the road and it was unsafe. The city helped reroute the trail. Mr. Dube noted they need this trail as it has been there for decades and an important part of the snow mobile trail system that can go from Bow NH to Pittsburg NH. Mr. Dube noted the snow mobile club has done a lot of work on the trail and want to keep it open.

Susan Woods uses trails for walking her dogs. Ms. Wood stated the harassing behavior of the abutter is well known. Ms. Wood noted the last time she hiked on that trail she was scared and embarrassed for Concord. She and a friend witnessed the abutters dogs on the trail unleashed, along with hearing gun fire and noticing cameras in the trees facing the trail. It would be a shame to award this behavior. Ms. Wood noted a fence will not stop the dogs or gun fire.

Mark Meganello stated the interconnectivity of the trails and Concord's trail system is so important and the reason why they live here.

Erin Waters stated the Currier Rd portion of the WEFT is not a welcoming place and public land. Ms. Walters noted this is very disappointing.

Motion was made by Member Porter to continue the public hearing to a date certain of October 14, 2026. Seconded by Member Coen. Motion passed 6-1 (Member Owers opposed).

4. New Business
   None

5. Reports
   a. Trails Subcommittee – Jeff Lewis
      Vice-Chair Lewis noted the subcommittee discussed mountain bike notations on trail maps. There was discussion on the Marsh Loop Trail as Dan Williams considered that the marsh loop would be obsolete with addition of Ghost Pipe this was discussed with the Conservation Commission prior and passed along to the Trails Subcommittee for review and recommendation. The subcommittee discussed the discontinuance and made a motion to recommend not to discontinue the trail after reading the criteria and it is well used for hikes.

   b. Tree Subcommittee update – Rick Chormann
      Member Chormann stated noted in the minutes there is a mention of October 25th there is an event for Ethan Tapper at Gibson's Bookstore.

      Member Chormann noted the graduate student intern put together a story map about the Concord trees and the research and presentation with the city canopy by ward through GIS. They are still in review and will be sent out to the commission once it is finalized.

c. City Open Space and Easements
There was nothing discussed on this agenda item.

d. City Council/Planning Board
Councilor Horne stated City Council reviewed the presentation from Danielle, the graduate student, and it was cool to look at it from an energy stand point. Councilor Horne stated people have the ability to in an area to see where more trees might be needed.

6. Old Business
   a. Progress Report (Richards Forest Trail, West End Farm Trail, northerly bypass, 16-foot easement trail follow-up discussion) Status of each, any outstanding items remaining to be done for the ones that are completed, permit status, installation of signage, etc.

      Ms. O'Brien noted the northly bypass will come off the agenda next month as that has been completed.

   b. Joint meetings with surrounding Conservation Commissions

      Ms. O'Brien stated Bow has contacted her regarding discussing a regional meeting and asked the Commission how they would like to proceed.

      Vice-Chair Lewis noted there are still other towns to visit and they will need to have further discussion on how to proceed.

      Ms. O'Brien stated Chair Tardiff and herself will be attending the Canterbury Conservation Commission tomorrow at 7 p.m. at 7 Center Rd.

7. Staff updates on items

   Ms. O'Brien stated next month the agenda has three conditional use permits for review next month. These are not public hearing they are for the Commission to make a recommendation to the Planning Board.

   Ms. O'Brien noted on September 19th the City will be holding a Master Plan visioning session at 9 a.m. located at the Capital Center for the Arts.

   Ms. O'Brien stated the Planning Board is looking for one regular member and one alternate member for the Master Plan Advisory Committee. The Commissions will have to have recommendations by October 14th. Ms. O'Brien stated the commission can wait to decide until the next meeting.

   Vice-Chair Lewis noted the Chair Tardiff is not present at this meeting and suggested to decide next month.

The Commission agreed.

8. Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 II (d)
   On a motion made by Alternate Member Owers, seconded by Member Chormann, the Conservation Commission voted to enter the non-public session at 8:37 p.m. by roll call vote 8 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Currie, Healy, Lesser, Lewis, Owers and Porter) 0 opposed. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

   Alternate Member Jim Owers left the non-public session at 8:55 p.m.

   On a motion made by Member Porter, seconded by Member Lesser, the Conservation Commission voted to exit the non-public session at 9:11 p.m. by roll call vote 7 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Currie, Healy, Lesser, Lewis, and Porter) to 0 opposed. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

   On a motion made by Member Lesser, seconded by Member Chormann, the Conservation Commission made a motion at 9:11 p.m. to seal the non-public meeting minutes due to render the proposed action ineffective by roll call vote 7 in favor (Chormann, Coen, Currie, Healy, Lesser, Lewis, and Porter) to 0 opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjourn

Adjournment
Member Lesser moved, seconded by Member Chormann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista Tremblay
Krista Tremblay
Administrative Technician III

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Roland Berube
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 3:16 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Cc: Joanne Davis
Subject: RE: Proposed closure of the West End Farm Trail Parking Lot and Trailhead on Currier Road

[CAUTION: *This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe*]

This email is to register our opposition to the discontinuance of a portion of the West End Farm Trail (WEFT), and the possible closure of the parking lot, at the WEFT trailhead at 74 Currier Rd. As Concord residents that have used this parking lot when hiking and snowshoeing this section of the WEFT, we do not fathom any reason for its closure or the discontinuance of this section of the WEFT.

Any of the times that we have used this parking lot, we have not seen any dumping of trash or discarded household items, graffiti, or "undesirable" persons congregating or loitering in the area - in other words, this is a convenient, well placed, and desirable trail head for a very scenic section of the WEFT. Quite frankly, the only things that we have noticed that are unwelcoming and may make a person feel unsafe to use this parking area and/or use this section of the WEFT are the multiple signs posted at the parking lot and along the trail on the abutting property of 76 Currier Rd.

Additionally, the closure of this section of the WEFT would close a vital snowmobile trail link used and maintained by the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club.

Please do not close or make this section of the WEFT and the parking lot off limits to the use of the public that wants to hike or ride this section of the WEFT. Thank you for consideration of our opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,
Roland E. Berube and Joanne Davis
8 Spaulding St
Concord, NH 03301

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Sean Reese
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 10:09 AM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: September 9 Mtg, Comment on Currier Rd Trail & Parking

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My name is Sean Reese of 35 Timberline Drive in Concord. I would like to comment on the request by Mr. & Mrs. Marro, property owners at 76 Currier Road, to close the trail and/or parking on Currier Rd. which accesses the West End Farm Trails and other connected Concord trails, which will be addressed at the Conservation Commission meeting on September 9. To start, I will say that I am opposed to the request. My family and neighbors regularly use that access point and that section of trails. We value the city of Concord, and the western part of the city in particular, for its robust network of hiking trails. The city and the west end trail users have already in recent years had to deal with attempts by Mr. Ross of Rossview Farms to restrict and close off trails and usage of the parcel he previously granted to conservation easement. Now we are facing another individual property owner trying to further curtail use of the public woodlands in that area, and we as citizens and the city must stand firmly against this latest breach of public trust.

It seems there exist alternative solutions to address the property owner's concerns which stop far short of closing and banning the area in question. Fencing, gates and better signage are a few that quickly come to mind. The complainant provides evidence of a couple uses with which they disagree (Exhibits D & E). I would argue that the nature and low occurrence frequency of such disputed uses are not sufficient justification to serve the desires of a single party at the expense of the larger community. Doing so would also set a precedent for any resident living near any Concord trail to initiate similar closure actions, encouraging and rewarding a Not-In-My-Backyard mindset amongst those so inclined.

By analogy, Concord has a number of city parks. When a problem of misuse arises in one of those parks and an adjacent neighbor complains, we do not close the park. The city—through signage, monitoring and enforcement—addresses the specific problem so that the greater good can be preserved. This is what we hope for a solution to the current complaint by the Marros.

Sean Reese
35 Timberline Drive
Concord, NH

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Kathleen Soukup
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 4:03 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: Sept 9th public hearing RE West End Farm Trail at 74 Currier Road

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to provide my input as a community member who uses the West End Farm trail located at 74 Currier Road. Your name and email was provided as a point of contact for information. I work in Concord and enjoy trail running before and after work on a number of trails in Concord, including this one. This is a trail enjoyed by many - walkers, runners, and bikers. Our enjoyment has certainly been marred by the nearby homeowners who have destroyed the aesthetic of the space with their political signs and also disturbed the peace of the trail by yelling at us. I am unable to attend the meeting this Wednesday but wanted to provide my support in writing to keep this trail open to the community. One thing I really love about Concord is that it has all the convenience that a City can offer but there is so much nature within its boundaries. It would be a shame to lose access to this trail because one homeowner wants to close it.

Thank you,
Kathleen Soukup
Auburn NH

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Jennessa Bissonnette
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 9:51 AM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: Support for Preserving Public Access to the West End Farm Trail

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Dear Kearsten O'Brien & the City of Concord,

I am writing to express my support for preserving public access to the West End Farm Trail and its connected trail system.

While I am not a Concord resident, I coordinate the Concord trail running group with more than 800 members throughout the greater Concord area. Many of our members regularly use these trails for trail running, hiking, wildlife observation, hunting, and other forms of outdoor recreation. Based on my experience and feedback from our community, the trails are actively used and valued by many people.

Concord is unique in the amount of accessible natural space it offers, and places like West End Farm provide an important opportunity for people to exercise, connect with nature, and find respite in the woods close to home.

I also want to express my appreciation to Five Rivers Conservation Trust and the Concord Conservation Commission for their efforts to preserve and maintain these valuable public resources. I hope the City will continue to protect access to these trails for the benefit of current and future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennessa Bissonnette

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: David Lynde
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 8:52 AM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Cc: lisa Mistler
Subject: Conservation Commission Sept 9 Agenda Comments

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Hello Concord Conservation Commission,

We understand that you have a hearing on September 9th regarding a request to close the parking lot on Currier Road where many people access the West End Farm Trail in both directions.

As residents of Concord for several years, we frequently and regularly use the wonderful natural resources that is the Concord trail system both near our home on Timberline Drive and throughout the city.

We strongly oppose the idea of closing the parking lot on Currier Road based on the concerns and allegations raised by one household. The parking lot and the trail system there is enjoyed by multiple people of different ages and different abilities who all deserve the right and the ability to access the West End Farm Trail and other connected trails in the Concord trail system.

We are grateful for the work of the Conservation Commission in providing fair, equitable and routine access to Concord residents. We trust you will continue your stewardship of the recreational trails for all of us to enjoy the beautiful trails in our local forests and grassland areas.

Sincerely,

David Lynde
Lisa Mistler
38 Timberline Drive
Concord, NH 03301

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Jennifer Betournay
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 10:39 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: support for West End Farm Trail

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Dear Ms. O'Brien,

I am writing to express my support for the West End Farm Trail and my strong opposition to discontinuing any part of it. I was made aware through the Concord Trail Runners group that I belong to that a landowner is pushing to close the parking lot near 76 Currier Road, as well as a section of trail that is a vital connection to other parts of the trail. Part of what makes Concord great is its green spaces, and as an enthusiastic user of Concord's trails - including the WEFT - I think it would be a mistake to reduce access to this wonderful resource. I am unfortunately unavailable to attend Wednesday's hearing, but I hope you will still consider my input.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Betournay
Shaker Rd. Concord

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Roxanna U
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 1:40 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: WEFT concerns

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Hello, I am frequent user of Concord trails and my most often used trail is the West End Farm Trail. I learned that there is a request to close part of this trail and I want to put in my support to keep it open. As someone whose health issues make it hard to hike the White Mountains the easiness of the local trails allow me to exercise and get health benefits while also not taxing my body. I am on some portion of the WEFT once a week. Being able to hike long connected distances is so important to me. I recently tried the new section of the trail and am so excited not to have to divert on District 5 Rd (there are some scary dogs there) and instead be able to do the entirety of the WEFT. Please do not close the section near Currier Rd. Thank you.

-Roxanna Usticke
78 Franklin St
Concord, NH 03301

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Robert Knight
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2026 2:56 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Cc: Jim Owers; Kristine Tardiff; jeff@northpointeng.com
Subject: West End Farm Trail Hearing

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Hi,
I am out of town and cannot attend the hearing on Wednesday but would like to submit written testimony.

My property in Concord abuts the West End Farm Trail and I am a regular trail user. I also helped develop the trail. The proposal to discontinue the trail at Currier Road would ruin the trail. The trail is meant to connect the trails at NH Audubon and St. Paul School with Swope Park and Carter Hill Orchard. It is regularly used by runners and others who want to do a longer run or hike. Cutting the trail in the middle would make that impossible.

Regarding the amount the trail is used, I have observed that it has less traffic than before by people going for shorter hikes. In my opinion, this is because the Marro's dogs run out onto the trail and scare many trail users. There have been four large dogs, several of which are aggressive with hikers and their dogs. It makes hiking on that section of the trail unpleasant and I wonder why the Marros are allowed to have their dogs running free on city land? In addition, the loud gunfire near the trail is also frightening, and makes me feel unsafe.

Despite trail use being reduced because of the hostile atmosphere created by the Marro's, it still gets plenty of use by people hiking from Swope Park to Dimond Hill Farm and by people going for a longer run or hike. It is an important part of the City's trail system and I hope it will not be discontinued.

Regarding the parking lot, I would urge that it not be closed. It is the only parking between Dimond Hill Farm and Swope Park and Carter Hill Orchard. Again, use is down because of the hostile atmosphere but I hope that is a temporary situation.
Robert Knight

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Heather Lavoie
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2026 1:38 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: West End Farm at Currier

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Ms. O'Brien,

I am unable to attend Wednesday's hearing regarding the petition to close a section of the West End Farm Trail as I am traveling on business.

The petitioning abutter has placed threatening signs, cameras, let his dogs loose and tried many forms of intimidation to keep people from using the train section. As I recall, he moved in after that section of trail was in place as we never used to have this problem when the trail was first constructed. This section is incredibly important to all of us, connecting Currier to Carter Hill and a beautiful stretch.

The owner is wrong in their assertion and is fabricating claims to achieve what they intended all along - to keep people away.

It would be a terrible harm to the community to close this section. I know many families who specifically moved to the area because of the trails.

Heather Staples
88 Briar Hill Road
Hopkinton, NH 03229

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O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Andy
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 8:39 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: West End Farm Trail

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Hi Kearsten,

This email is in regards to the public hearing to be held 9/9/26 for the discontinuance of the West End Farm Trail at Currier Road.

The West End Farm Trail is a wonderful public benefit to the people who live and visit Concord. Therefore, I do not support discontinuing the West End Farm Trail or public parking access at Currier Rd.

If you are able to share this testimony with Kristine Tardiff, Conservation Commission Chair, for the 9/9/26 public hearing I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your time.

Andy Chapman
184 South St.
Concord, NH

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: KIRSTEN WOODY <
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2026 4:48 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten; ktardiffnh@gmail.com
Subject: West End Farm Trail issue

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Hello Kearsten and Kristine,
I wanted to write an email in support of KEEPING the part of the WEFT that someone wants to close. I am local trail runner and have run those trails for years. I love the fact that you can connect trails on the WEFT and go from the Audubon trail system (and St Paul's trails) all the way to Winant Park and the hospital trails. I can get a 20 mile run, all on trails, doing an out and back on this trail system. That is very uncommon, and a treasure in Concord. We are so lucky to have a unique trail system in this area of the state. This is a draw for people looking to settle here - especially younger adults.
Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday as I am a teacher at Concord High School, and we have Back to School night at that time.
Thank you for all you do for the Conservation Commission.
Sincerely,
Kirsten Woody

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: Aaron Fracht-Monroe [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 11:25 AM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: In support of WEFT

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Hello Kearsten:

I would like to submit testimony in favor of continuing the access to the West End Farm Trail on Currier road. I've used this trail many times and it is a key link in connecting the larger Concord trail networks together for hikers, xc skiers, and bikers.

Aaron Fracht-Monroe
[redacted]
Ward 5

O'Brien, Kearsten

From: DON BRUEGGEMANN
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 8:58 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten
Subject: RE: opposition to WEFT closure

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Dear Conservation Commission members:

I would like to register my opposition to the closure of a portion of the WEFT that is up for a public hearing on Wednesday. I was dismayed to hear this was being considered given how central it is to the connection of several otherwise isolated trail systems. Please keep this critical portion of the trail system intact.

Thank you for your consideration:
Don Brueggemann
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> On 09/08/2026 2:17 PM EDT O'Brien, Kearsten <kobrien@concordnh.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Don,
>
> Yes you can email it to me.

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From: DON BRUEGGEMANN <
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 2:05 PM
To: O'Brien, Kearsten <kobrien@concordnh.gov>
Subject: RE: opposition to WEFT closure

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Hi Kearsten:

Thanks for the reply. Is there a way to register my opposition if I am not able to attend the hearing?

Don

> On 09/08/2026 1:52 PM EDT O'Brien, Kearsten <kobrien@concordnh.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Don,
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> Yes the public hearing will allow for public testimony at tomorrow nights meeting.
>
> Kearsten O'Brien
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From: DON BRUEGGEMANN
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2026 9:00 PM
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Subject: opposition to WEFT closure

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Hi Kearsten:

I hope you are having a great long weekend!

Can I register my opposition to the closure of a portion of the WEFT that is up for a public hearing on Wednesday? I was dismayed to hear this was being considered given how central it is to the connection of several otherwise isolated trail systems.

If you are are not the correct contact, can you let me know who is.