

SANFORD TRAILS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2026
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Call to order

- Meeting began at

Attendees. Forest Nohr, Meghan Titcomb (will join late), Sam Parady, Melanie Coombs, Brady Lloyd, Dereck Bourque, Dave Parent, Hazen Carpenter, Tiffani Bourque, Thom Gagne, Monica Mckenna, Al Pollard, Steven Schneider.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Sam Parady.

Approval of the June 15, 2026 Minutes.

- Motion made by Al Pollard to approve minutes from the previous meeting of the Sanford Trails Committee. Seconded by Dereck Bourque.
- Motion carried unanimously. June 15, 2026 Minutes were approved.

Financial Report

- Brady Lloyd presented the financial report.
 - The City of Sanford approved a \$35,000 budget for the trails and that has been placed in the account.
 - The CIP had \$51681.50
 - Special revenue was \$21489.79.
 - Brady has removed the funds that were “on hold”. He also noted that there are multiple tabs on the spreadsheet for those who would like a more detailed look at the finances.
 - Sam noted that \$15,000 is planned for Haven Cove updates and \$5,000 for the rhododendron trail.

Committee Reports

- Communications/Outreach (Melanie)
 - Social media has been stable.
- Volunteer Hours and Planning Board – Sam
 - There were 28 volunteer hours reported, this figure will go up because several committee members volunteered hours that were not sent to Sam.
- *Construction/Maintenance - Hazen (note agenda out of order, see the coverage of this item later in the meeting)

- City Relations (Brady)
 - Brady noted that the trail bond grant application has been submitted. Sam thanked Lee for everything.
 - Lee is going to be presenting information to the City Council regarding homeless encampments locations, including one near Carl J. Lamb Elementary School.
 - Forest has been patrolling the area near Emery Street and Pioneer Avenue. There is currently an active encampment near public works. The area on Genest property is active again near the shore, there are firepits and needles.
 - Sam would like to organize a walk through of the area.
 - Discussion. Obtaining current figures, walking along with officials as they meet with homeless individuals in encampments, the possibility of a city task force related to homelessness.

Old Business

- Trails Master Plan/ME Trails Bond – Lee
 - The Maine Trails Bond application was submitted June 16, 2026 by Lee.
- Three Rivers Land Trust
 - Ruth from Three Rivers Land Trust requested an updated letter of support.
- Haven Cove
 - Information has been sent to officials at Haven Cove and they have acknowledged receipt of the letter. This details the plan for an updated paved 6 foot path.
 - Question. Al asked if there was a way for Haven Cove residents to send feedback. Sam explained that he tried to explain the city easement and we will wait for any further feedback.

New Business

- Issues with animal control/waste – Derek
 - Bags of poop are being left on the Sanford Trails. Derek suggested a program similar to one at Jagger Mills apartments, i.e. DNA recording and testing for all pets. He would like to look into the possibility of it being implemented at the city level. It would not cost taxpayers, just pet owners. Brady noted his support for this potential.
 - Discussion. Poop bags, dog waste, public trash receptacles, household trash, human waste from the unhoused.
- Sanford Trails Alliance Meeting
 - Highlights from the minutes of the Sanford Trails Alliance
 - Building bridges
 - Birding ponds
 - Focus has traditionally been on the Springvale area, but there are some areas in South Sanford that could be expanded and highlighted
 - Parking lot and fencing

- Derek suggested improving the bridge near the Leap to increase biking traffic
 - Fundraising at the SPAC with the possibility of a Native American group
 - Raising awareness of the trails
 - E-bikes
 - The next meeting is October 5 at 6 p.m.
 - Delineating the rail trail versus other trails in the network
 - New maps needed that encompass the Community Forest
- Logo
 - Sam shared a logo he created with the use of AI. While many thought the design encompassed the spirit of the trails, others were concerned with AI creation and the impact on artists. Hazen later requested a vote on the logo, but it was put off for further consideration.
 - Derek made a motion for a vote on the logo. The request was rescinded after further discussion.
- Jagger Mills
 - Administration from the new Jagger Mill complex would like to support the trails by sharing maps and information with residents and possibly decorating with trail related art.
 - Discussion. There was a discussion of the recent tours of the building, the possibility of Historical Society support with historic trail photographs, and the support from Jen Moreau who is the contact for Jagger Mills.
- Parks and Recreation location
 - Brady noted that Parks and Rec will be moving to a new location.
 - Hazen asked for assistance painting a sign. Tiffani will be following-up to help.
- American Chestnut Pollination along Mousam Way
 - An American Chestnut tree in Riverside Cemetery has successfully been pollinated. This was done via the American Chestnut Foundation, Katie Menede Hall and Kurt Woltersdorf. This is a very exciting project.
- Misc. projects/priorities
 - Homeless encampments, Sam will be attending the city meeting on the topic.
 - Cobb Stadium. Discussion. There was a discussion about the need to rehabilitate Cobb Stadium. Brady explained that they were waiting for cost estimates on the project and that there was interest in the Kiwanis Club to fund a playground area. Thom asked if it would be a public facility. Brady highlighted topics, concessions, seating, ADA walkpath, pea gravel track, amphitheater (Blouin Field), parking improvements, Road to the back area, playground, scoreboard improvement, lighting). Thom asked about trail committee involvement. Hazen feels there should be trail improvement near Cobb Stadium.
- Gowen Park
 - Forest offered assistance in cleaning the Gowen Park area with bush hog, trailer, tractor, etc.
 - Discussion. Possible wetland damage in the area.
- Safety
 - Meghan would like to create a survey on the socials regarding trail safety feedback.
 - Brief discussion about having guided trail walks. Which trails are considered safe, etc. Agreement was that there needs to be more promotion of the trails.

*Committee Reports (continued from previous agenda item)

- *Construction/Maintenance - Hazen
 - Brush needs to be cleared at each trailhead gate (weeding and bushwhacking). Sam will send out a follow-up email to get volunteers to tackle what needs to be done.
 - Hanson's Ridge – Deering Pond needs trimming in the ditch, this needs to stay clear for appropriate drainage.
 - Mousam Way Park has a tree that needs to be taken care of near the bridge.
 - Hanson's Ridge needs six yards of gravel.
 - Signs are needed near the YMCA parking lot.
 - Dave noted that there has been discussion of a trail from River Street / Marginal Way to create a loop trail.
 - Hazen gave a brief summary of the background of Haven Cove.

Motion to adjourn was made by Thom at 8:38 p.m. Dave seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Taylor Coombs,
Sanford Trails Committee Secretary