

## **SANFORD TRAILS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

Monday, February 2, 2026  
Postponed from January 26, 2026  
Regular meeting via Zoom

#### Call to order

- Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees. Lawrence Furbish, Melanie Coombs, Dereck Bourque. Brady Lloyd, Forest Nohr, Dave Parent, Sam Parady, Tiffany Bourque, Meghan Titcomb, Steven Schneider, Thom Gagne, Lee Burdette, Eric St. Onge, Hazen Carpenter. Absent, Al Pollard.

#### Introduction of new members

- Everyone introduced themselves and thanks were given to new members.

#### Election of officers

- Slate of officers. Sam Parady (Chair), Melanie Coombs (Secretary), Hazen Carpenter (Vice Chair), Brady Lloyd (Treasurer).
- Call for a vote. Vote was unanimous and slate was duly elected.
- Meeting was turned over to the new Chair, Sam who thanked Lawrence for his work.

#### Approval of the minutes

- Motion made by Hazen Carpenter to approve minutes from the December 15, 2025 meeting for the Sanford Trails Committee. Seconded by Thom Gagne.
- Motion carried unanimously. Minutes approved.

#### Financial Report

- Brady Lloyd presented the financial report.
  - Currently the CIP has \$10734.39
    - Bull Pine expenditure of \$4000 was the only expenditure since October.
    - \$875 was moved from one project into CIP (Pavilion near the YMCA).
    - Sam followed up with a question about CIP and the rhododendron preserve. The amount of \$4000 was already designated for the preserve.
  - Special revenue is \$3953.09 with no restrictions.
  - There was a donation of \$500.00 made by Lynn Schneider. A thank-you note will be sent.
  - There was a discussion of \$3000.00 from the Pence Foundation toward signs. This must be used for the purpose or returned to the Foundation. There was further discussion about sidewalk signage. Sam provided historical information about the Pence grant and the projects.
  - Sam noted we will be requesting \$35000.00 from the city again this year and Brady will follow-up on the process.

## Committee Reports

- Communications/Outreach
  - Melanie said social media was going well, but she does not have Instagram access. There are more followers after recent posts.
- Construction/Maintenance
  - Hazen reported on the status of the gates and CMP's efforts at the parking lot near the Leap.
  - There was discussion of the Leap access in case of emergencies, trash clean-up and the olive branch extended by CMP.
  - Hazen covered signs and expenditures related to signage after a complete inventory. He wants to confirm that all junctions are appropriately marked.
  - Discussion of a sign inventory provided to new committee members. Confirmed that they have been sent the details of the project.
  - There was extensive discussion of signage on the trail.
    - Lee mentioned that within the capacity of the master trail plan a comprehensive approach toward signage should be made. Including support of the Fire Department's request for mileage along the trails, potential sponsorship of signs, better signage in public ways and a potential application to cover consistent signage.
    - Hazen said that odd signs are coming down but maps, gate signs, directionals, etc. are staying
    - Sam suggests the following for gate signs. No Parking – Respect Landowners Rights – Carry In/Carry Out – Control Dogs and Clean Up After Them – Ebikes 15 mph – All City Park Rules Apply
    - Discussion. Thom, Sam, Dave, Derrick, Eric, Forest, Steve, Brady about motorized vehicles and ebikes on the trails.
    - Discussion. About specific wording of the signage at gates.
  - Call for vote. Dave moved that \$2500.00 be allocated for signs. Thom seconded the motion. Motion carried with Lee in opposition.
  - Hazen proposed further discussion of the need for more parking at the Deering Pond Trailhead.
- Volunteer Hours
  - There were 37 volunteer hours.

## Old Business

- Trails Master Plan / Trail update
  - Lee gave an update on the trails master plan. Working with the city to see if new development will impact trails, expansion to the Eastern Trail, backbone trail, comprehensive signage plan.
  - The biggest recent outcome is a pilot program for trail sponsorship, a variation of a sponsor a trail program.
  - Discussion. There was extensive discussion on the concept of an adopt a trail program. Ideas were gathered from other land trust organizations. Some feel the

cost is too high or exclusionary while others support the idea. Sam suggested we move on to another topic.

- Sam and Brady commented on the expansion of trails in the Jagger Mill area.
- Rail Trail route by Sherwin Williams and Yorkshire Condominiums
  - Sam provided an overview of the project. Steve drafted a letter to the condo association. The draft went to Steve Buck for feedback. Brady will follow-up.
  - Discussion. A 3D rendering of the area was suggested. Since this would likely be costly, alternatives and ideas were discussed. Lee and Hazen were in agreement that a meeting was needed.
- Joint Meeting with 3 Rivers & Mousam Way
  - Since the trail organizations duplicate efforts and trails often intersect, there is an effort underway to coordinate and increase communication between the entities. Moving forward would be called the Sanford Trails Alliance.
  - On Saturday, February 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a volunteer appreciation dinner at River Junction. Please RSVP by 2/21.
  - Sam asked for input for the alliance meeting. Lee followed-up by reiterating that the Hanson's Ridge parking area needs to be addressed. Eric suggested that gravel be added to the turn around. Discussion followed on the topic of environmental impact to the area.

#### New Business

- Jagger Mill hearing January 28, 6 pm Council
  - There was extensive discussion about the various options for the Jagger Mill area. Discussion included the various options for a trail in the area, Alumni drive limitation, recreational easements, DOT and financial considerations. Thom follow-up with a question. Sam will send materials.
- Chambers Major Trails Committee Grant application
  - Lee explained that \$250,000 grants are available and this is the third round. The trail system should be looked at as a whole. Suggestions for grant requests included, parking, signage, rail trail surface and outreach. Focus should be on heavily used trails.
- 2025 Trails Committee Annual Report
  - Lawrence will be presenting the report for 2025
- Maintenance Projects (Sam provided a list of things for consideration)
  - Rail Trail, Marginal Way fencing in need of work
  - Picture Point on Marginal Way
  - Gravel survey
  - Pleasant Street to Mousam Way brush clearing
  - Survey trail near Kiwanis Park
  - Jagger Mill Apartment to Deering Pond
  - Shopping Cart in Gowen Park Stream
  - Graffiti at the Leap
  - Hazen had a list as well that will be sent via email.

- Lawrence added the bike path on Breton Avenue needed regular maintenance.
- Dave offered a boardwalk update.
- Website update
- Lee needs photos for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Thank you and comments from outgoing Chair Lawrence.

Motion to adjourn made by Hazen. Seconded by Dereck. Unanimous vote. Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.