

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday September 15, 2025

Members Present: Dave Parent, Hazen Carpenter, Lawrence Furbish, Steve Schneider, Melanie Taylor Coombs, Eric St. Onge, Brady Lloyd, Dereck Bourque, Al Pollard, Sam Parady

Thom Gagne had an excused absence.

Meeting began at 7:01

1) Approval of the minutes from the August 18, 2025 meeting. Dave Parent mentioned he was left off the attendance list. Motion by Dave and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Brady: \$2000 to Painting By Northeast has been encumbered for the Rail Trail Gate painting. For the Stanley Rd to The Leap restoration, \$5264 in materials and \$9466 of labor is encumbered to STS. \$5000 will be moved from the special revenue account and Kiwanis will contribute around four thousand to the project. CIP currently totals \$20,671.29 and the special revenue account totals \$10,216.29. \$3000 of the special revenue is grant money for Springvale sidewalk crossings. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dave to move \$5264 from the special revenue to the CIP. Unanimously approved.

3) Committee Reports

- A. Communication/Outreach: Photographs of the Mousam Way South repair and School St bike path were shared.
- B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) A new lock has been installed on the Pioneer Ave gate. All Rail Trail gates have the same lock and key. Brady will give the Fire Department new keys. (ii) Stanley Rd to the Leap has been completed by STS (iii) 7 historic signs need installation/repair (iv) The Rail Trail gates have been painted (v) The custom steel sign racks for the gates need to be powder coated and will cost \$10,000 to assemble and treat. Motion by Al and seconded by Dereck to approve \$10,000 to powdercoat/assemble the 10 gate racks. Dave, Eric, Melanie, Dereck, Al and Hazen voted in favor and Sam against. Motion approved.
- C. Volunteer hours: 34 since last meeting

4) Old Business

- A. Trails Master Plan Committee- Next meeting 5:30pm on October 14th at the Goodall Library.
- B. Lee walked with the head of Kruger Energy along the Trolley Line. Grant money to be pursued. 2.5 miles including many parts easily converted to biking purposes/recreational. This trail, which starts near Jagger Mill and extends east, could be a strong link in that direction towards the Eastern Trail.

5) New Business

- A. Rt 4/Powers Bridge Trail intersection: Andre from the Sewer District to talk with Ruth Gavel about the potential trail and its importance for the entire trail network eastward. She might be more amenable to a pedestrian trail now.
- B. Eric has secured a 5 year plan/agreement with Sherwin Williams to formally authorize the Rail Trail on their land. Liability to be examined by the City.
- C. Lawrence wrote a letter in support of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District seeking money from the ME Trails Bond.
- D. A work-party will be needed to trim brush along the trailhead at Hanson Ridge road.
- E. The committee discussed an "Adopt a trail" concept and prior efforts to have local groups attached to specific trails.
- F. Ordinances regarding E-bikes were discussed. The 15 mph speed limit still applies to the Rail Trail. Parks and Rec working to adopt formal rules. E bikes are becoming more popular and the City Council ought to exclude Class 3 E bikes due to their speed.

6) Adjournment. Motion by Al and seconded by Dave to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:42

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary