

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday November 17, 2025

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

Dave Parent and Katie Manende-Hall have excused absences.

Guests: Monica McKenna, Lee Burnett

Meeting began at 7:01

1) Approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2025 meeting. Motion by Thom and seconded by Hazen to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Brady: The Trails CIP account contains \$14,456.74. \$4167 is encumbered towards the Rhododendron Reserve trail. The Special Revenue account totals \$2452.29. Hazen will be dropping off a check from the Kiwanis Club for ~\$4,500 for work done at the Stanley Road entrance to the Leap trail. Bull Pine has conducted about \$4,000 worth of downed-tree cutting along the Rail Trail. The committee agreed Bull Pine could stop additional cutting since the trail looks much better compared to the Spring of 2024. There are a few leaning trees near Deering Pond that Parks and Rec may be able to address.

3) Committee Reports

- A. Communication/Outreach - Melanie: Still unable to log into Facebook [problem solved by time of writing].
- B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) CMP offered to install a gate at the Stanley Rd trailhead for use of the parking lot during their construction (ii) Sign frames for Rail Trail gates ready to install, need 3 volunteers. Dereck, Al, Steve and Eric offered to help 11/25 at 9am (iii) Hazen encouraged the committee to think of ways to use the extra sign space- additional messages/information to be displayed. Dereck suggested numbering each gate. Sam highlighted the story of how the City came to own the land/Hazen's involvement in that could be written on one of the signs. Lee suggested asking the city for extra help with general sign inventory citing the comprehensive plan.
- C. City Relations - Brady: Eric's agreement with Sherwin Williams has been forwarded to the city's legal department for review.
- D. Volunteer hours: 41 since last meeting

4) Old Business:

- A. Rt 4: Mousam Way Land Trust made a formal offer to purchase the recently logged land containing the sewer line easement. No response from the seller has been given.
- B. Trail crossing signs for Springvale have been purchased by Public Works.
- C. Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District applied for a grant through the ME Trails Bond.

D. The next Trails Master Plan meeting is Monday December 8, 2025.

5) New Business:

- A. Lee presented a map of the Kruger Trolley Line trail which would run from Jagger Mill to Cyro Drive. A new parking area would need to be made on Mousam Way Land Trust land. The company seems engaged and eager to help make their land into a trail. Lee also showed an illustrated trails "map" which highlights the major trails in Springvale and downtown Sanford. Lee also discussed the need to partner with Yorkshire Condos to find a way to create a direct Rail Trail connection instead of towards Sherwin Williams/Witham St.
- B. The committee discussed various ways that local groups/individuals could sponsor a trail. General agreement was reached that "sponsor a trail" largely means financially contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of existing trails.
- C. 8 bags of trash were gathered by ~12 volunteers from Great Bay Community Services. They combed from Pioneer Ave to Public Works and towards the High School. The committee is grateful for their help.
- D. Lawrence will be stepping down as Chairman of the Sanford Trails Committee at the end of the year. We are thankful for everything he has done and the incredible accomplishments under his leadership.

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

Meeting ended at 8:21

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary