

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday December 15, 2025

Members Present: Lawrence Furbish, Dereck Bourque, Dave Parent, Steve Schneider, Hazen Carpenter, Al Pollard, Sam Parady

Melanie, Brady and Katie have excused absences.

Guest: Monica McKenna

Meeting began at 7:02

1) Approval of the minutes from the November 25, 2025 meeting. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes as presented.

2) Financial Report - Lawrence reviewed the books in Brady's absence. A \$4,000 invoice has been received from Bull Pine for their work along the Rail Trail clearing the downed limbs from the storm two years back. They have been trimming throughout the year in between other jobs. \$5,897 remains unencumbered in the CIP account. The Special Revenue account, after paying \$2374 from the Pence grant for Springvale Trail crossing signs, sits at a little over \$3000.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Communication and Outreach - Melanie: Now full access to Facebook and posting well-received content.
- B. Construction and Maintenance - Hazen: (i) 8/10 Rail Trail gates have new sign frames. Additional work needs to be done on the remaining two gates before installation. Critical for the committee to come up with sign content. In the past the major signs were: No parking in front of the gate, respect land owners rights, carry out what you carry in, stay on marked trails, keep control of dogs/clean up. No fires, historic info on the trail, trail sponsors, and no vehicles were additional ideas. Hazen emphasized the need to highlight the official name of the route- Sanford Springvale Rail Trail Greenway (ii) CMP gate has been staked for Stanley Rd entrance towards the Leap (iii) The committee discussed E-bike policy and basing it on the state/Eastern Trail/Acadia/Portsmouth standard and/or highlighting current 15 mph speed limit on the trail and avoiding parsing the different grades of E-bike propulsion.
- C. Dave Parent noted 3 Rivers Land Trust submitted an application to site plan review about a wetlands trail boardwalk and work to be done at the community forest.
- D. Volunteer hours: 34 hours (*not counting Hazen at time of writing)

4) Old Business:

- A. Rt 4 Crossing- The sewer line easement is the ideal trail. For potential condos at the recently cleared property, the city cannot require any recreational easement in order to approve a development there. ME DOT is meeting with city officials on 17 December to

discuss Jagger Mill Rd bike/pedestrian corridor. The road is very busy and narrow but does connect to a potential future Kruger Trolley Line Trail and the Birding Ponds.

- B. Letter to Yorkshire Condos- Reviewed the letter from Lawrence to association- a more direct link for walkers, bikers and horses where the Rail Trail gets confusing on Main St. Snowmobiles to use the trail behind Sherwin Williams to Witham St (where they do now).
- C. Sherwin Williams- minor changes from the city's legal department regarding the trails agreement but the document will be going to the City Manager
- D. Crosswalk signs have arrived at Public Works, not sure when they will be installed.
- E. Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District ME Trails bond grant application was denied.

5) New Business:

- A. Next Trails Master Plan meeting at City Hall 12 January at 6pm. The committee reviewed the potential trail and bridge from Kruger Line through Mousam Way Land Trust property towards the Birding Ponds.
- B. The cartoon map of the trails system from Lee would be a good placemat for a local restaurant or at the Farmers Market.
- C. The committee discussed whether or not to formally ask the city for professional help coordinating all the trails signs and connections. Lee submitted a memo for review. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Dereck to delay memo to city asking for help with signs. Unanimously approved.
- D. 3 Rivers Land Trust has requested a meeting with Mousam Way Land Trust and the Sanford Trails Committee. There's many trails around the Community Forest, Rail Trail, McKeon Reserve, Farm Trail. Dave, Dereck and Al are interested.
- E. 3 spots are open on the trails committee. The initial application deadline is 22 December.
- F. 2026 Officers: Sam Parady Chairman, Hazen Carpenter Vice Chairman, and Melanie Taylor Coombs as Secretary.
- G. The committee discussed a potential trail in honor of Captain Ken Keating from the Veterans Cemetery to Mousam Way North at Springvale Riverside Cemetery. The trail largely exists but Hazen estimates it would take \$25 thousand to fully create a trailhead etc. . . William Oscar Emery grant? Hazen to connect with S.T.S. for an estimate.

6) Adjournment. Motion by Al and seconded by Dereck to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 8:26

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary