

Sanford Trails Committee
Monday August 18, 2025

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

Al Pollard had an excused absence.

Meeting began at 7:01

The committee held a moment of silence in remembrance of Dollie Hutchins. Dollie contributed to every meeting and helped out in any way she could: researching trail cameras, weeding Breton Ave, surveying the historic signs and geocaches, working with horses (+ filming trail etiquette videos), shaping the Trails Master Plan, giving out trails maps and so much more: we will miss her greatly.

1) Approval of the minutes from the July 25, 2025 meeting. Motion by Thom and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2) Financial Report - Brady: Expenditures since last meeting include \$175 to H.A. Stone Fencing and \$150 to Burpee Signs. Waiting on an invoice from Bull Pine for their work along the Rail Trail from Hanson Ridge to Oak. The CIP account currently totals \$37,557.98. No transactions from the special revenue account: \$10,216.29. The committee reviewed prior financial commitments including \$7,000 for Stanley Rd to The Leap (+\$5,000 from the special revenue account and ~\$4,000 Kiwanis Funds) and \$5,000 for general maintenance projects. Unknown timeline to pay ~\$4,500 to Rhododendron trail.

3) Committee Reports

- A. Communications/Outreach: The City of Sanford has a new communications coordinator (Megan).
- B. Construction/Maintenance - Hazen: (i) Matt Landry has begun trimming the School St. trail. He will install a culvert to deal with drainage from the Public Works lot. Some gravel will be added to the path. (ii) Power washing the Rail Trail gates might be the best way to prepare them for new paint. The cost would be \$100 per gate. Northeast Painting quoted \$2,000 to paint 10 gates. New sliding sign frames have been designed by Hazen, waiting on price. (iii) Signs: Hazen and Thom are actively refurbishing or installing multiple historic signs (iv) Farm Trail: 8 yards of gravel has been spread, more is needed.
- C. Volunteer hours: 47 since last meeting
- D. Planning Board: On July 2, an easement for walking trails was approved along the back line of seven industrial/commercial lots on Eagle Drive.

4) Old Business

- A. Rail Trail Locks: Brady reached out to the fire department and was informed they do not have keys to many of the gates. Knox Padlocks “daisy-chained” to current padlocks were suggested by Hazen and Dereck.
- B. Rail Trail Gates: Motion by Hazen and seconded by Sam to approve \$3200 for painting/refurbishing 10 Rail Trail Gates. Unanimously approved. Contractors need to communicate with Parks and Rec to approve all necessary insurances.
- C. Breton Ave weeds have been removed by Dereck and Dave. They recommend monthly weed-wacking.
- D. Rt 4 Bridge: Ruth Gavel might be more open to trail connection near the new bridge. An exploratory walk was suggested to find a viable route.
- E. Lawrence summarized some of Lee Burnett’s projects/Trails Master Plan topics: GPS coordinates for the trails, walking the Kruger Trolley Line trail, Eastern Trail/Kennebunk Water District.
- F. No updates from Public Works on how the \$3,000 grant can be spent for Rail Trail crosswalk improvements in Springvale.
- G. A letter of support has been written for 3 Rivers Land Trust and their stiltgrass removal grant application.

5) New Business:

- A. Dereck is proposing an annual 5K Run to raise 20-30 thousand dollars in honor of Captain Keeling. The money would fund annual trail work and the race itself. The trail would connect the Veterans Cemetery and the Leap. A grant may be needed to fund a new bridge. Starting at Nasson and going to the Rail Trail, various details of the project were discussed. Hazen to contact the Keeling family.
- B. E-bikes will need to be factored into future trail policy. Various classes of E-bikes have different levels of impact on the trail.

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

Meeting ended at 8:31

Respectfully submitted by Sam Parady, Secretary