Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, September 8, 2025
Minutes

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Mitch Osiecki, Dave Shepard, Sven Coeyne, Sage Romey

Mitch Osiecki moved and Dave Shepard seconded approval of the meeting minutes for July 14, 2025. Motion carried

Follow up on Mad River Path Advisory Committee meeting - Adrienne reported that the final report was submitted to AOT and they responded. A few members of the committee will look at the responses and follow up with the AOT. A celebration of the progress so far will happen October 1 at Lareau Farm in Waitsfield.

Hunger Mountain and other road signs - Mitch reported all the Hunger Mountain signs are up. He suggested possibly making smaller signs that direct people to other trails (i.e. the trail at the end of Davy Road)

There was a question about a sign on the gate heading up to the Hunger Mountain trailhead that names it as The Hayward Trail. Adrienne will do some research about the origin of that sign and new trail name.

Update on Wrightsville trails - Sven reported that the trail from the beach to the boat launch is clear and passable thanks to the work of Margot Prendergast. The trail from the boat launch to the old boat launch is almost passable thanks to a lot of work by Sven and then a group of volunteers. Another work party will be organized in the coming month.
Mitch will contact Sara Tanner about the possibility of making some signs for the Wrightsville trails.

Loop trail - The next steps are to clear blowdowns and add more flags. Dave Shepard has emailed Seth Coffey but has not heard back from him. A work day is planned for Tuesday, September 23 at 9:00 at the Town Forest to continue the work.

Question about Bear Swamp puddle fix - Ask Michael Levine if he has been through recently. Once someone from the Trails Committee has checked out the condition of the road we will figure out whether the Town needs to work on the road or volunteers from the committee can do the work.

Update on Conservation Commission - Trails, Mad River Path report, knotweed update, Riparian Repair project

Other information - Mitch reported on a project with Trout Unlimited and the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District. There is an effort to make a river access at the Walt Kelley Park and they have applied for a $20,000 grant for a scoping and feasibility study with the hopes of applying for another grant next year to do the work.
There have been some questions about reviving the Fishing Derby in town and whether it might be able to be held at this river access.

Dave Shepard wants to set up a date for painting blazes on the White Rocks trail. He proposed September 29 and will send out emails looking for people to help.

The next meeting is October 13, 2025, the second Monday of the month.

7:55 Adjourn

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