Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, October 13, 2025
Minutes

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Mitch Osiecki, Dave Shepard, Sven Coeyne, Michael Levine, Joanne Mankoff, Kimberly Hagen

Dave Shepard moved and Kimberly Hagen seconded approval of the meeting minutes for September 8, 2025. Motion carried

Follow up on Mad River Path Advisory Committee meeting and celebration - Kimberly reported that the scoping study has been accepted by the AOT. Federal grants will raise the price and will take forever, local grants and raising money locally will allow this to be finished sooner. Middlesex needs to be thinking about the timeline and funding.

Loop trail - update and next steps - Dave and Sage removed two trees for the old road and cleared the new trail where it leaves the road near a blowdown. The next steps are to continue to clear the corridor and perhaps place metal flags to mark the center line of the trail after the corridor is cleared (perhaps in the spring and then also rake the trail.) People will meet on October 28 for more trail work.
Adrienne has contacted Vermont Huts and Trails (**www.vermonthuts.org**) to see if they might be interested in helping rehab the cabin since its construction looks solid but needs work on the interior.

Wrightsville trails - future work and involvement of Trails Committee - Margot Prendergast and Tom Jackman cleared the trail from the beach to the boat launch and it looks great and is ready for use. Sven and others worked to clear the trail from the boat launch to the old boat launch and access road across from Culver Hill Road. Jane Dudley is exploring the option of opening the old access road so the beach could be reached without paying a fee, which would require another work day. Joanne is wondering whether this clearing should fall to the Trails Committee or whether others should do the work. Sven is willing to do the work.
Mitch will follow up with Sara about getting signs for these trails.

Bear Swamp puddle - observations and ideas - Michael reported that the puddles are still there and it is difficult to walk or bike through without getting wet. Adrienne will contact Eric Metiever and check on the status of town work up there. The hope would be to create a simple walkable bikeable path on the side of the road. The Committee was asked to remind Eric not to use fill gathered from other spots in Middlesex for fear of introducing invasives to the area.

Update on new road signs and repairs to the sign at Upper Sunnybrook - Mitch repaired the sign on Upper Sunnybrook. The Planning Commission has ordered signs for the area around Rumney School denoting it as a school zone and decreasing the speed limit.

Update on Conservation Commission - Adrienne reported on the progress of knotweed work in Middlesex and the successes of knotweed elimination in the Mad River Valley.

The next meeting is November 10, 2025, the second Monday of the month.

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