Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting Agenda

Topic: Trails Committee Meeting
Time: Jan 12, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Agenda
7:00 (Adrienne)

- Welcome, review of agenda
- Approve meeting minutes - November 10, 2025 (Action) (December meeting cancelled)

7:05 (Joanne)

- Follow up on Mad River Path Implementation and Design Committee

7:15 (Adrienne)

- Bear Swamp puddle - update
- Hunger Mtn Trail name change to Hayward Trail (see below)
- What to do about the Hunger Mtn. Trail signs
- Correspondence from East Montpelier Trails chair and regional meeting January 28 (see below)

7:30 (Adrienne)

- Possible guided winter snowshoe/hikes on marked trails

7:35 (Mitch)

- Possible maps and signs for Wrightsville

7:40 (Adrienne)

- Update on Conservation Commission

7:45 (Adrienne)

- Recap action steps from this meeting
- Agenda items for next meeting and date of next meeting - February 9, 2026, second Monday of the month.

7:50 Adjourn

Letter from Bill Heigis - gamil email on December 16 to me!

This is Bill Heigis. I am the new president for East Montpelier Trails. Tom Blachly from Calais and I recently had some email conversations about looking at our respective trails more regionally, understanding the possible interconnections, building off each others' strengths etc.

It turns out there is an additional regional planning effort going on concurrently. That effort won't likely kick into gear until the end of January but I'd be interested in setting some groundwork ahead of that. My initiative is also not at all a replacement for that effort, but rather a complement.

I think it would be really interesting to see our various walking and biking trail networks on one map as a way of beginning to understand how we might create a long-term vision for the region. If you're willing to share any digital data you have, in GPX format (or Shapefile), I would be willing to compile it for us all to view. The parallel planning effort that is being developed is going to use the E911 Trails dataset, which I know is quite limited compared to what is actually out there.

And if there is interest, I'd be excited to host an informal group to start a conversation about how we might all work together.

Please feel free to call me at 498-4424 if you'd like to talk more about this. Or email me any data you're willing to share or questions you have. Whatever data I receive that is not already public will be kept private within our group, and be made available to the regional planning commission effort.

If there is a more appropriate person in your town to include in this effort, please feel free to forward that to me. I am sharing any contact info with Lincoln Frasca at CVRPC.

**Central VT Trail Manager Meet-up**

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 (Snow date: Thursday, January 29)

5:30 - 7:30 PM

UVM Extension Office in Berlin

(Registration form coming soon)

*Are you a volunteer or staff member responsible for taking care of trails in a town forest, school, town park, nature center, or in a conserved area? Are you a trail manager interested in connecting with other groups who do similar work in the area?*

If so, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council (VTGC) are teaming up to host a regional trail manager meet-up this January 2026. **Save the date!**

From Walter Opuszynski answering an email from me about the name change on the Hunger Mtn Trai.

Thanks for your efforts on the Middlesex Trail Committee. I've been involved in the Calais Trail Committee and know how important this work is at the local level. The name comes from Tim Hayward who lived near the trailhead and frequented the trail. Tim passed away last year and the request to rename the Middlesex Trail to the Hayward Trail was funneled to the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation from State Leadership. Here is an article about Tim Hayward which gives more background:
https://vtdigger.org/2024/03/20/the-chief-tim-hayward-adviser-and-confidant-to-vermont-republican-leaders-dies-at-82/

Thanks for reaching out,
Walter

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Middlesex Trails Signage Project