Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, February 9, 2026
7:00 pm
Minutes - Draft

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Sage Romey, Michael Levine, Joanne Mankoff, Dave Shephard, Mitch Osiecki

Joanne Mankoff moved and Sage Romey seconded approval of the meeting minutes for January 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Follow up on Mad River Path Implementation and Design Committee - The committee met a few weeks ago and is focused on two major things at the moment. The towns of Waitsfield and Warren have an item on each ballot asking the voters to budget $15,000 to support a grant administrator for Mad River Path. Mad River Path would also add $15,000. This person would be responsible for writing grants to fund the path. It has become too much work for the present Mad River Path staff to do alone. The group is also beginning a $62,000 fundraising effort to support the completion of the Kingsbury Greenway with private funding this summer. Plans and permits have all been secured for this section of path.

Regional Trails meeting January 28 -Sage reported that she attended this meeting run by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. There were people from many different towns. There were opportunities to learn about resources for writing grants, getting volunteer help, courses offered and trail maintenance opportunities. Jane Dudley also attended the meeting.

Possible guided winter snowshoe/hikes on marked trails - There was discussion about posting hikes on FPF. Joanne will check with Phyllis Rubinstein who leads walks for the Green Mountain Club to see if she might be interested in leading a walk in Middlesex. The new loop trail is clear to snowshoe to the spot where the trail was cleared this fall.

Possible maps and signs for Wrightsville - Mitch has reached out to Sara Moulton about signs and is waiting to hear back. Jane Dudley has some ideas about signs needed and is happy to work with Sara. Mitch will try to arrange a hike on the trails so people can see where signs would be useful.

Update on Conservation Commission - There was talk about the future of the cabin. Adrienne will visit the cabin with her son-in-law, a contractor and a local builder who expressed an interest.

Extras - There will be a public hearing held by the Select Board in April to consider upgrading a section of South Bear Swamp Road towards East Bear Swamp Road from Class 4 to Class 3. They are asking about a fourth-tenths of a mile section or a one mile section. This should also be put on the Conservation Commission agenda. The upgrade would be a big expense for the town. The Select Board thinks there might be a benefit to upgrading the road the whole way so there is another option to get from one side of town to the other.

Mitch noted a pile of old tires located on Bushey Road near the Center Road end behind an old town building. He wondered whether a team of people could clean these up during Green-Up day in May. The Conservation Commission is in charge of Green-up Day and is working now to see if the town can get a dumpster for tires as was provided last year.

The next meeting is March 9, 2026, the second Monday of the month.

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