Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 pm
Minutes

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Sage Romey, Michael Levine, Joanne Mankoff, Kimberly Hagen, Sven Coeyne, Susan Hayward

Kimberly Hagen moved and Sage Romey seconded approval of the meeting minutes for November 10, 2025. Motion carried

Follow up on Mad River Path Implementation and Design Committee - There are four committees that make up the Implementation and Design Committee, each with a separate charge. They will meet independently and carry on their work. There are lots of outstanding grants and some that have come back that need to be reworked. Misha is proposing the hire of a part time grant writer as he cannot keep up with the grand writing. He proposed that it be paid for partially by the towns of Waitsfield and Warren as that is where the work on the paths is happening right now. He will go to each Select Board to see if he can get the funding.

Bear Swamp puddle - update - It is on Eric Metieier's radar but since it hasn't happened yet, it won't happen until spring.

Hunger Mtn Trail name change to Hayward Trail - Susan Hayward joined our meeting to explain the name change to the Hunger Mountain Trail. The trail is now named the Hayward Trail in honor of her late husband - Tim Hayward. At his memorial service on July 13, 2024, Governor Scott, in recognition of all Tim gave to the State over his many years of employment and his love of Hunger Mountain (he climbed the trail over 500 times in his lifetime), presented Susan and her family with a sign that said the The Hayward Trail in honor of Tim. The Bob Kemp Trail which heads to White Rocks will keep its name.

What to do about the Hunger Mtn. Trail signs - In light of the name change to the Hunger Mountain Trail people wondered whether the road signs should be changed but all agreed they should stay as that is the name people are familiar with.

Correspondence from East Montpelier Trails chair and regional meeting January 28 - I received an email from Bill Heigis who is the chair of the East Montpelier Trails Committee. He expressed an interest in working with neighboring Conservation Commissions to try to connect trails. There is a regional meeting happening on January 28 -
When: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 (Snow date: Thursday, January 29) from 5:30PM - 7:30PM
Where: UVM Extension, 327 US Route 302, Berlin, VT

We're bringing trail managers together to develop a stronger trail community, learn about current projects in the region, and identify areas of needed support and skill building. **Come at 5 for pizza and networking.**
Please register here by 1/25.

Adrienne will send the invitation out to everyone. She is unable to attend

Possible guided winter snowshoe/hikes on marked trails - Sage said she would go check out the Chases Mountain trail and think about a guided hike up it.

Possible maps and signs for Wrightsville - MItch has been in touch with Sara Moulton and is waiting to hear back from her and about possible signs.

Update on Conservation Commission - there was a discussion about the future of the town cabin and questions about whether there were restrictions on making money off of renting the cabin. Vermont Huts would be willing to manage reservations of the hut if it was fixed up and able to be rented. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

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