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

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Michael Levine, Joanne Mankoff, Dave Shephard, Mitch Osiecki, Al Boright, Phyllis Rubenstein, Mike Hill, Dan Riley

Joanne Mankoff moved and Dave Shepard seconded approval of the meeting minutes for February 9, 2026. Motion carried.

Trails on the east side of Wrightsville - is it a possibility? - Al Boright wondered about the possibility of developing trails on the east side of Wrightsville Reservoir. Joanne and Adrienne will contact Kimberly Hagen and Jane Dudley to find out who owns that land and whether there are some existing trails there already. Al also wondered about the possibility of plowing a small parking area at the Shady Rill Picnic area so people could walk there in the winter. Adrienne will contact Eric Metivier.

Possible guided walks/hikes with Green Mountain Club in Middlesex with Phyllis Rubenstein - Phyllis leads hikes for the Green Mountain Club (GMC) and would be delighted to co-lead or collaborate on hikes/walks on Middlesex trails including fast and slow walks and nature walks. Joanne will follow up with Phyllis and send her the link to the trail maps.

Discussion of town hearing for upgrade of S. Bear Swamp Road - Michael Levine explained that there has been a request to the Select Board to upgrade a portion of South Bear Swamp Road from Class 4 to Class 3. The Selectboard is holding a hearing in April on whether to upgrade S Bear Swamp all the way to its intersection with E Bear Swamp. Michael suggested the Trails Committee send comments encouraging the town to rework their current Class 4 road policy before making any decisions regarding this or other Class 4 roads. Discussion followed and the Committee agreed to hold off until the Conservation Commission has a chance to discuss this at its March 24 meeting. At its April meeting, the Trails Committee can decide whether to join with the Conservation Commission comments (if they chose to submit any) or to submit something just from the Trails Committee.

Possible maps and signs for Wrightsville - Mitch will check in with the sign person about a time to walk the trails when the weather and trail conditions are right to determine where signs might be needed and what they might say.

Update on Conservation Commission - The future of the town cabin was discussed with some very preliminary figures presented for possible renovation of the cabin. Sandy Levine discussed the scoping study done for downtown walkability. There was a brief discussion about the

possible upgrade of part of South Bear Swamp Road from Class 4 to Class 3. There was discussion about Green-Up Day. Minutes of the 2-24-26 meeting are available on the Town website.

Mike Hill offered to lead a walk on his trails with the possibility of opening them to the town. Adrienne will set that up with him.

The next meeting is April 13, 2026, the second Monday of the month.

Minutes submitted by Adrienne Magida