Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, June 8, 2026
7:00 pm
Minutes - Draft

**Attending:** Adrienne Magida, Joanne Mankoff, Dave Shephard, Mitch Osiecki, Sven Coeyne,

Joanne Mankoff and Mitch Osiecki seconded approval of the meeting minutes for May 11, 2026. Motion carried.

Discussion of easement permission for landowners - There was a discussion about the possibility of using easements or landowner agreements when trails are used on private land. There was a question whether the Trails Committee has the authority to enter into legal agreements. The feeling of the members of the committee present felt that landowner agreements similar to ones Calais uses seem to be more appropriate for our purposes. Questions surfaced about the possibility of a landowner agreement with a townsperson who has offered trails on his land to the public concerning placing signs, parking and maintenance. These will be addressed at the next meeting.

Update on Wrightsville walk and maps/signs - Mitch reported that a group of people walked the Wrightsville trails with Sara who will work on making a map of the trails. She has already created a first draft of a Wrightsville map. Margot and Jane have also made some draft signs for the park and have suggested wood signs instead of metal printed signs because of the frequency of flooding that causes deterioration in metal signs. Jane Dudley reported that the Lonesome Tree trail has been cleared all the way out to the tree by a large group of volunteers from the DEC.

Trails on east side of Wrightsville - moved to next meeting

Proposed date for Loop Trail work - June 21- Sage will lead this work day. Adrienne will email people about the day.
Reminder about June 14 work day on White Rocks - people will need saws and clippers but chain saws are not allowed to be used without State certification.

Update on Class 4 road policy - Adrienne reported that the Select Board is working on a new draft of the policy and used many of Michael Levine's suggestions during their work at the last Select Board meeting. There was a suggestion that maybe the town needs a separate trails policy. Eric Metiever asked members of the Trails Committee to let him know if they were going to do maintenance on any of the Class 4 roads and trails as a courtesy.

Look at the list of projects and think about future work - the Committee looked at the list and acknowledged the work happening and agreed to keep looking at it periodically.

**Projects and Initiatives of the Trails Committee as of May 11, 2026**

Loop Trail
Mike Hill's trails off of South Bear Swamp Road
Camp Meade to Roots market trails
Trails on Galaxy Property
Wrightsville Trails - signage
PR outreach
Mad River Path
White Rocks stewardship
Chases Mountain maintenance
Website - get it up-to-date
All Class 4 trails already signed
Co-leading walks on town trails - Wrightsville

Update on Conservation Commission - Discussion centered around the future of the town cabin, the possible sale of the town gravel pit, update on Wrightsville, Green-up Day summary and culvert monitoring.

Jane Dudley reported on Wrightsville. They met with WEC officials who assured Jane and the committee water levels would not be lowered in the near future. Jane and Saara walked the trail from the boat launch to the old boat launch and Sara is beginning to develop a map including the disc golf course. That trail needs some work with clearing and raking. Sven will get to it in the next few weeks. Jane says there is potential for a trail using the old boat launch to the reservoir. Margot is going to clear the trail from the beach to the boat launch before the planned hike on June 27.

Discussion of summer meeting schedule - it was agreed that the committee will not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 10, 2026, second Monday of the month.