Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday September 14, 2026
Minutes - Draft

Attending: Adrienne Magida, Joanne Mankoff, Mitch Osiecki, Kimberly Hagen, Michael Levine

Kimberly Hagen moved and Michael Levine seconded approval of the meeting minutes for August 10, 2026. Motion carried.

Review and possibly revise the checklist of things to clarify when working with private landowners - Discussion about the checklist. It was suggested we add something about trail blazing and to be more specific about signage at the beginning of the trail. Michael will put the checklist into a usable form. The expectation is members of the Trails Committee will go over the checklist in a face-to-face meeting with landowners who have trails that might like to open up to the public.

New private trails announced - There was a FPF posting from Mike Hill earlier this summer stating that he had opened the Chapin Trail on his land for public use.

Update on Mad River Path signs - Michael shared that some towns in the Mad River Valley have changed their policy about leashing dogs and have signs that note the change.

Update on Wrightsville maps/signs - Mitch has found someone to work on wooden signs for Wrightsville. Jane Dudley will paint/stain the signs when they are finished. Jane also wondered if she could get 11"x17" maps of Wrightsville that could be laminated and mounted in different places at Wrightsville.

Trails on east side of Wrightsville - Kimberly has attended a webinar about trail funding. She has a trail/route mapped from the Ellis-Bruce trail through her land and would like a "professional" trail builder to look at it. She thought maybe Sage would be willing to do that. Kimberly also needs to check with a few new landowners about the usage of their land for the trail.

Possible date for blazing Chases Mountain - September 20 if there is good weather.

Response to question about stewardship on Hunger/White Rocks for Stowe Magazine - Adrienne will reach out to Dave to determine the status of the Trail Committee's stewardship of Hunger Mountain/White Rock trail. A letter should be written to the editor of the Stowe magazine correcting the information printed in the summer edition of the magazine.

It was suggested that Mitch share some Middlesex arrow signs with Dave Shepard so he can put them up on Chases Mountain.

Outreach - FPF postings about What's Next Middlesex website and trails - do we need to do one again? - Joanne volunteered to draft an announcement.

Information about Lower Sunnybrook Tail starting near Route 2 where the house was taken down for FEMA buyout - Larry Becker shared information about the trail. Adrienne will share that information with Sara Moulton to see if she is interested in investigating the trail further.

Update on Conservation Commission - tabled

Mitch shared two meeting dates (September 21 and October 3) for information about a river access at the Walter Kelly Park on Route 2. People will be able to share design ideas and see what the park looks like now.

The next Trails Committee meeting is October 12, 2026, the second Monday of the month.

8:00 Adjourn