

Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes (approved)
March 24, 2026

Present: Dana Glazier, Lynn Rockwell, Kris Schmitt, Michael Socks, Chuck Talbert, Paul Wade, Lori Augustyniak (joined late)

Next Meeting: April 28, 2026

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes for 2/24/2026 approved as written.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Matters

Budget. For this month, \$200 went to Dead Eye Works (trail grooming) and \$20.37 to Larrabee's (birdhouse supplies). For the fiscal year to date, \$565.73 has been spent and there is \$1434.27 remaining in the regular town trails budget. Town funds for the current fiscal year must be spent by 6/30/2026 and preferably 30 days prior if the town credit card is used. From donations received and held by CCA, we have \$944.03 remaining. Any unspent funds in this account carry over to the next fiscal year.

Volunteer Hours. Dana 19, Kris 7, Lynn 7.25, Paul 7, Chuck 6, Michael 3

Current Membership

Lynn Rockwell	3-year term to 2027	
Dana Glazier	3-year term to 2028	
Paul Wade	3-year term to 2028	Willing to remain on the committee until a new member is found.
Kris Schmitt	3-year term to 2026	Reappointed to a new 3-year term to 2029
Michael Socks	3-year term to 2026	Reappointed to a new 3-year term to 2029
Chuck Talbert	3-year term to 2027	
Open	3-year term to 2029	Seeking new member

Recruiting. The committee has used word-of-mouth and advertised membership openings in Cabot Connects and FPF. We were contacted by one interested person. Dana will schedule an in-person meeting and notify other committee members to join if they like.

Election of Officers. Members were elected as follows: Dana Glazier, Chair. Kris Schmitt, Treasurer. Michael Socks, Secretary. Dana will share the names of committee officers (and that our regular meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm) with the Town Clerk.

Trails events

- Moonlight ski/snowshoe. The 2/28 event was a big success. We received some requests to do it again and add a summer event also. Michael will follow up with Gary on the sign-up sheet and mug giveaway.
- Birdhouse building. Dana is hosting an event at the library on 3/28 from 10am-12pm. So far, 11 people have signed up. Dana will send out a call for help if needed. Houses will be mounted along the trail at

TBD locations, possibly during a future workday. Dana will ask Gary about a "bluebird trail" somewhere in Cabot. Lynn will ask Stephen about supplying ~20 cedar posts.

- Trailside plant pressing. Dana is co-organizing a June event with Hard-Pressed and the library. Date TBD. Expected material costs are around \$100 – will try to use funds from the current year's budget.
- Summer event. To be planned at a future meeting. Ideas: scheduling around the full moon, trailside fire, storytelling.
- Fall event. To be planned at a future meeting. Ideas: pumpkin carving at Burt's around Halloween.

VOREC grant

- Grant photos. Photos have been shared with Lori. Michael will follow up with Lori for specific photo requests.
- Willey Building kiosk. Paul will organize a workday when the ground thaws.
- Master trail map. Gary has requested a full-size print from CVRPC.
- Business surveys. Members will complete their assigned interviews and report to Lori.

Field Work Sign-up

Trail spring clean up is the priority for April and May. Members volunteered to scout needs.

- Lynn: Old Center, Burt's, and McQueeney.
- Dana: Winter Trail. Dana will talk to Kathleen H/John G about scouting the Eister section.
- Kris: Town Forest. Kris will try the plastic trail markers.
- Chuck: Talbert's. Dana will share lead on a possible steward for Talbert's.
- Michael: Dubray/Langone

Tentative monthly workday dates were selected. Rain dates TBD.

- Saturday June 27, 9am-noon
- Saturday August 1, 9am-noon
- Saturday August 29, 9am-noon
- Saturday September 26, 9am-noon
- Saturday October 31, 9am-noon

Cabot Resiliency Hub. Lori presented an overview of a resiliency grant opportunity. The committee is supportive and agreed to participate in the grant application and work. Dana will be the contact and sign the grant form. Michael will circulate the hub flyer to the committee.

New business

- Bike rack. Approved ~\$300 purchase of a bike rack to be placed outside Harry's Hardware with trails committee sponsorship signage. Dana will talk to Johanna about size and placement.
- Town Forest signage and ROW. Dana will follow up with Gary on next steps.
- Pop up canopy. There was a suggestion to buy one for trails events at <\$100.
- Main to Elm connection. There was a proposal to get landowner permission and mow a path from the VAST trail behind Harry's on Main Street to Elm Street near the cemetery. A moratorium on new trails remains in effect until other work is completed so the proposal did not move forward.
- Committee gathering. Lynn will organize a get-together to thank Gary for his service to the committee.