

Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes (approved)
June 23, 2026

Present: Dana Glazier (chair), Kris Schmitt (treasurer), Michael Socks (secretary), Jeannie McCallum, Lori Augustyniak.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2026

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes for 5/26/2026 approved as written.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Matters

Budget. Purchased flowers for kiosks, hardware for birdhouses, and filled gas cans last month. We have \$5.65 left in FY2026 budget ending 6/30. We will have \$2,750 in our FY2027 budget from the town starting 7/1, plus \$500 remaining from town flood grant funds and \$944.03 in donations held by the CCA.

Volunteer Hours. Chuck 7, Dana 16, Jeannie 0, Kris 12, Lynn 5.75, Michael 6, Paul ?. Last year committee members contributed 633 total volunteer hours. Prior to this month, members had contributed 690 hours.

Membership. Members should continue seeking a new member as Paul looks to step down.

VOREC grant

- 2021 Grant. All expenses and deliverables for the 2021 grant were submitted by the 6/1 due date and we received the final payment. Of the \$62,500 received we spent \$62,494.41 on trail improvement projects and committee resources.
- 2023 Grant. \$33,140 of the \$75,000 awarded in 2023 has been spent and reimbursed to date. We have an engineering plan for a bridge and stream bed improvements on the Mitchell property. Implementation is on hold pending sale of the property. We are hoping the new landowner will allow us to continue using the existing trails. Grant funds must be spent by December 2026. We may need to go back to VTDFPR for an extension and/or an amendment.

Trails events

- July 4th parade. Dana, Kris, Lynn, and Michael will march. Dana will bring the banner, Kris will bring the trail mix, and Jeannie will loan a wagon. Lori will register us.

- Trailside plant pressing. Scheduled Thursday 7/16 at 6-7:30pm. Not sure of location yet, but probably at Willey Building. We should start advertising soon.
- Fall event. Dana spoke to Greg Burt and he supports hosting an event on the Burt Trail around Halloween. Tentative plan is to host storytelling and pumpkin carving. As we get closer, Dana will plan with Amanda at the library. There may be some expenses for pumpkins.

Field Work

- Burt Trail is in good shape. (Dana will give Greg Burt additional stakes)
- Langone Trail needs signposts reinstalled. (Kris will ask Dawn about using 4x4s)
- McQueeney Trails are in good shape.
- Talbert Trails. Update on new posts and signage. Dana and Kris put up new maps on 4x4 posts. Chuck installed 3 additional 4x4 posts (at Elm Street cemetery, at VAST trail gateways). Chuck will send locations. Dana will drop one more 4x4 and more metal signs at the sugarhouse for Chuck to install. Michael will print and laminate 4 more maps. Chuck will check a blowdown on the Kaptan property.
- Town Forest. Clean up on workday Saturday 6/27. Chuck, Dana, Jeannie, Kris, Lynn, Michael will meet at the town garage at 9am and carpool. Dana and Kris will bring tools and mower. Kris scouted again last Monday. There are two significant blowdowns and a tree over the trail to clean up, trail markers to install, a 4x4 post to put in, and mowing. No response to emails or social media postings looking for volunteers per Dana.
- Winter trails: Rolf Trail is good and Eister Trail is too wet to scout.
- Future workday dates:
 - Saturday August 1. Plan to put up remaining bluebird houses at Burt, McQueeney, and Talbert. Will plan as we get closer.
 - Saturday August 29, 9am-noon
 - Saturday September 26, 9am-noon
 - Saturday October 31, 9am-noon

New business

Trails Committee Zoom account to support remote meetings. Lori offered to continue sharing the CCA account for trails business. The committee agreed to make a donation to the CCA. Lori will share a login with Michael.

Smartphone-based Apps for Trail Planning, Mapping, and Maintenance training. VT Trails & Greenways Council is hosting a training 7/21 at the Ascutney Outdoor Center. Includes 60-day trial of the app. Michael will register (\$25) and attend.