

The Norwich Trails Committee is to hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday March 7, 2018, at the Norwich Historical Society (corner of Main and Elm Streets).

A major item on the agenda is to be a presentation and discussion of a new mapping of Norwich trails with one of the goals being to complete a new printed map to replace the current map now being sold. The signage subcommittee met to discuss mapping on January 30 and February 26, and Brian Riordan has been leading an effort to develop the new map.

Other possible agenda items include 1) new owners of Cossingham Road Farm Trails. 2) brief reports on any recent blockages of trails, 3) planning for mud season, 4) brief updates on plans, field surveys, and construction for proposed new trails and reroutes, 5) brief reports on recent events using Norwich trails, 6) update on Mission Statement (see Appendix below), 7) any other old business, and 8) any new business.

The Norwich Trails Committee provides review, planning, and work for the construction, maintenance, use, and mapping of Norwich Trails open to the public. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend and participate in the meetings and trail work sessions of the committee.

This committee did not meet on February 7 because of a major snowstorm underway at that time.

Please report new blockages of town trails to <[norwichtrails@gmail.com](mailto:norwichtrails@gmail.com)>.

George Clark for the Norwich Trails Committee

#### Appendix. Background information on the Trails Committee Mission Statement:

A) As reported in the minutes for the November 1, 2017, meeting, the Trails Committee unanimously approved the following mission statement:

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Trails Committee is to provide public opportunities to enjoy the natural, outdoor landscape of Norwich. The committee advocates for a connected trail network, builds and maintains community trails, promotes responsible trail use and fosters volunteer stewardship to achieve this mission.

The Committee's work includes:

- Construct, maintain, monitor and improve public trails in Norwich.
- Guide trail users by providing maps and other trail information, including guidelines for responsible trail use.
- Interact with Norwich government and groups, trail organizations, neighboring towns.
- Communicate with landowners making trails available to the public.
- Raise funds as needed for specific projects.

B) From the January 16, 2018, minutes of the Norwich Conservation Commission:

"B. Swenson presented the Trails Committee mission statement. C. Rimmer moved (P. Silberfarb 2<sup>nd</sup>) that the NCC approve the mission statement as amended by P. Silberfarb, i.e. to include a line about how trails would avoid rare and sensitive species as well as minimize impacts on all flora and fauna, approved unanimously."