

# Minutes

Norwich Trails Committee

7 pm, April 1, 2026

Norwich Historical Society

## **Attendees**

George Clark, Jim Faughnan, Bob Fiskén, Peter Griggs, Nick Krembs, Brian Kunz, Gerry Plummer, Cody Williams

The meeting began at 7:00p.

## **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

## **Comments from those present**

It was noted that there was an error in the latest Selectboard minutes stating that Nick and Jim were appointed to the Conservation Commission rather than the Trails Committee. Bob has emailed the assistant Town Manager about the error.

## **Updates from the UVTA**

Cody reported that this standing item will be removed from future agendas but UVTA will still be present and involved. Sean Ogle will inform the committee about adding specific agenda items when the need arises.

## **Updates from the Conservation Commission**

Bob raised the issue of ensuring the \$600 anonymous donation to cover material costs of the Ballard Trail bridge was properly accounted for in the trails budget as we plan for expenditures for the upcoming season. Bob, Cody and Peg Merrens (current Conservation Commission treasurer) are in communication with the town Finance Department.

## **Reports on recent trail blockages and actions taken or planned**

Some small branches and debris on Blue Ribbon. Bob is aware of several trees that he plans to clear. Three trees down across the short spur trail on the Hazen Trail leading to Treehouse Children's School, Cody plans to clear them in the next few days.

## **Gile bench**

No updates. Some discussion was had about the possibility of using gravel and anchoring the bench to stone rather than pouring a concrete slab but no specific decisions were made.

## **Trail projects for 2026**

### **Ballard Trail stone steps**

A Norwich Women's Club grant has been applied for. There was some discussion of timing the work and alternate means of financing it if the grant is not awarded.

### **Ballard crossings**

Snow has largely melted. A group will scout three locations where streams have inadequate stones making crossing difficult. May 3 and May 31 were set as work days.

### **Gile fire tower tread coating**

No updates.

### **Milt Frye Bridge**

There was some discussion of means of financing the materials.

## **Website updates**

Gerry will post our standard mud season working on the trails website.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8p.