

Hardwick Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026

5:00 - 6:00 PM

GMTCC Forestry Building - Hardwick

1. Welcome

Attendance: Helen Beattie, Ron Wiesen, Norma Spaulding, John Tuthill, Corey Hathaway, Andrew Gilbert, Joe Nudell, Eric Remick, by phone Dave Mitchell

2. Review/Acceptance of January minutes

Approved

3. Updates:

a. Trails Conditions

Trails have set up well after big snow and multiple passes, and are in good ski shape!

b. Budget

Discussion over insurance for grooming equipment between all members. Norma Spaulding to follow up with Casey / Town to get more details. Question around increased costs due to new equipment, how coverage breaks out, options. Also some questions around skis, cabin and other assets that should be clarified.

c. Email List Cleanup

WIP. Some discussion over committee size expectations, select board / rec committee guidelines. Joe pointed out the only requirement is a minimum 6 members. Andy to submit a list of actual committee members for selectboard / organizational meeting post town meeting day. We will continue to maintain a courtesy email list for non members that like to stay in touch, hear what is going on. Helen to assist in some further refinement of who is on that list.

d. Town Calendar

Complete regular meeting schedule is now on town calendar / website

e. Wax jig

Outstanding - Eric R to follow up and make purchase

f. Vermont

Phone Tag - Andy had phone tag interchange. Need to follow up. John Tuthill has offered to assist.

g. Adaptive Partners

General discussion of programming and town committee involvement. Joe expressed that the Recreation Committee would likely prefer if someone else can manage any interaction here. John Tuthill to further engage in regards to any programming, collaboration.

h. Recreation Committee

Joe provided a general update that the Recreation Committee is currently under staffed, looking for any help (i.e. taking on Adaptive, etc) that can be provided. Also discussed Easter Egg hunt for April and the question of can trails committee assist. General consensus was not in the purview of the trails committee, although members certainly can volunteer to help. Helen noted that Neighbor to Neighbor may want to help. Joe has sent a follow up summary to the committee.

i. Mapping

In progress. Some discussion on file formats. Dave requested any originals (i.e. Illustrator) so that we can maintain.

4. Winter Programming

a. Staffing

Feb 7 is set but some concern about weather. We have more interest in ski lessons but fighting the cold to execute! The last official session is Feb 14. Agreement to also open for rentals only on Feb 21 from 10am to 11am. This will allow people to have gear over February break.

b. Ski Lesson Signup

Generally viewed as good development to require signup. Both for making it more formalized, and in scheduling instructors.

c. Communication

d. Everything else...

We will also staff ski / snowshoe lending for an event Feb 15 in conjunction with Hazen, winter market. This will be from 1-3pm. Andy along with Norma, others to support.

5. Other Business

6. Head Home