

Hardwick Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

5:00 - 6:00 PM

GMTCC Forestry Building - Hardwick

In attendance: Ron Wiesen, Norma Wiesen, Norma Spaulding, Eric Remick, Wayne Renaud, John Tuthill, Andy Gilbert

1. Welcome

2. Review/Acceptance of February minutes–

- Eric moved and Ron seconded.
- Approved
- Additions to agenda: Best Day Ever film screening. Programming for 2026

3. Updates:

a. Trails Conditions–Thanks to Wayne! Trails are skiing fast!

b. Budget

- Insurance:
 - Insuring the three snow machines.
 - Need to sell the one that is in storage and not being used.
 - Drop insurance on that one.
 - Need to insure the ginzo groomer?
 - Norma will ask Casey to call Eric RE: equipment and what needs to be insured.

c. Wax jig–No update

d. Recreation Committee Update–No update

e. Mapping Update–No update

4. Summer Programming:

- Norma W. will be looking for people to help with summer programming and can include people outside of the trails committee.
- \$75 stipend for a couple of hours for those leading events.
- Joe might be able to help with connections for programming.

5. Velomont/Trail Partner Agreement–states we agree to work with Velomont

Angus McCluster from Velomont provided an overview of the organization:

- Started a trail network in Rochester and grew out from there.
- State wide initiative. 38 miles completed.
- Open to hiking, running, non motorized network.
- Majority of the use would be locals around the trail system.
- Colocating with existing Catamount trails.
- Identified the LVRT as a partner trail.
- Phase three is Johnson north.
- Phase one is underway or constructed.
- Option for a Hostel in Hardwick.
- All new trails will be adaptive.
- Huts will also be adaptive and have wheelchairs available for adaptive riders doing through rides.

Is there a financial responsibility for HT to participate? No financial commitments

HT is interested in signing the agreement. Need to figure out the specifics of signing.

6. Trail Planning Initiative:

- Need to ensure sensitive areas are left alone and protected.
- New trails built in conjunction with a forest plan.
- Might need to hire a consultant to review new trail locations to minimize impact to sensitive areas

7. Other:

- Ron and Norma: Very appreciative of the nomination for the Kiwanis award.
- As a group, we need to acknowledge the passing of Bev Shepard. Naming of a new trail on the Shepard's property was brought up as an idea.
- Best Day Ever: Adaptive documentary.
 - Suggesting a showing in Hardwick.
 - Would need to pay \$500 for the license to show.
 - The library has a license, would that work?
 - Check with Adaptive and Kelly Brush foundation. If they are involved there might be better participation.
 - Check with the Rec committee to see if they want to be involved.

Meeting adjourned.