

## Hardwick Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2026

5:00 - 6:30 PM

The Shepards 708 Bridgman Hill Road- Hardwick

1. Welcome
2. Review/Acceptance of June minutes

*Approved*

3. Updates:
  - a. Trails Conditions

*Generally in good shape. Lots of mowing. The sign at the school entrance needs some love, Nancy to provide.*

- b. Budget

*Some carryover for trail maintenance salary to clear, otherwise nothing new to report. Should have enough in both planned maintenance items and capital to cover reasonable amount of tractor parts and maintenance.*

- c. Best Day Ever Recap

*Helen provided a recap on successful (full house!) showing and general commitment to adaptive support.*

- d. GMTCC / Stormwater Summary

*Helen provided a summary of this as well. Ad hoc committee did get commitment to modify the design to push it directly up against the forestry building. This should minimize impact on trails and trees. Given parameters this was a pretty favorable outcome.*

- e. Rec Committee / Select Board Status

*No action at this point, general discussion on other things Trails can do to expand scope, i.e. LVRT and what happens with Buffalo Mountain, etc. One immediate would be to help push / facilitate town build out of LVRT trail head(s).*

4. Gear

- a. Tractor Parts / Tractor Discussion

*There has been ongoing discussion around tractor parts, including implement brackets, replacement grille, grille guard, and maintenance items (i.e. filters, etc). The committee generally approved that we go ahead with reasonable purchases, in coordination with Norma and budget realities. If an item requires significant expenditure it will be brought back to committee for further discussion. Andy to work with Wayne, Eric to make this happen.*

- b. Confirm ski's ordered / will be

*Corey out - will confirm / follow up when returns.*

- c. Sell old skidoo (fall - no action)
- d. Wax jig (fall - no action)

5. Programming

- a. Summer Programs

*Norma W provided an update. Generally everything going well, well received. Some concern about follow up with Brittany Lumdsen regarding kids and families event. Additional discussion around the star party to be hosted by Shepard's on August 11.*

- b. Coin Drop

*Group of 6+ members to meet 8:30 at fire station on 7/11 for coin drop. Some discussion on supplies, process. Everything should be set.*

6. Trail Planning

- a. Priorities
- b. Adaptive adaptations (i.e. Shepards Trace, Reservoir Run ??)
- c. Additional marking / mapping
- d. ACT 250 for HED
- e. Kelly Brush / Adaptive Partners
- f. Velomont Partner Agreement

*General discussion on priorities and next steps moving forward. Good discussion on adaptive opportunities. Andy to follow up on the ACT 250 process for HED North property.*

*Helen mentioned the support for Adaptive Partners that had been traditionally made through the recreation committee. She then made a motion: "Hardwick Trails to ask the Town to consider continued support for Adaptive Partners consistent with the past and ideally allowing for at least \$750 if the funding is available". This motion was universally approved. Helen to follow up with town administration.*

7. Past Year Retrospective

8. Head Home