

Hardwick Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026

5:00 - 6:30 PM

The Shepards 708 Bridgman Hill Road- Hardwick

In attendance: Eric Remick, Norma & Ron Wiesen, Nancy Shepard, Al Cockrell, Andy Gilbert, Norma Spaulding, Dave Mitchell, John Tuthill, Wayne Renaud, David Shepard

1. Welcome
2. Review/Acceptance of July minutes - approved unanimously
3. Updates:
 - a. Trails Conditions
 - i. Outdated sign school kiosk
 - Dave M will have new map printed and placed
 - Marlene Clark fitness loop sign taken down for refurb
 - ii. Green trail culvert hole
 - Wayne filled in hole, still needs some attention
 - iii. Bridge on upper Blue trail needs some love
 - Deck is rotting
 - Will schedule work day to address issue in Fall 2026
 - b. Budget
 - Record coin drop haul! ~\$1470
 - Norma S got us on schedule for next year's coin drop (July 2027)
 - Got a \$1000 donation from Mass Timber Advisors!!
 - Took old groomer off town's insurance
4. Gear
 - a. Tractor Parts Status
 - New grill guard
 - Flail mower for trailside?
 - Weed whacker needs new part (Dave and Wayne will take it to Walt's)
 - b. Confirm ski's ordered (no action)
 - c. Sell old skidoo (fall - no action)
 - d. Wax jig (fall - no action)
5. Programming
 - a. Summer Programs
 - 18-20 people attended mushroom walk
 - Kiddo walk this Saturday 8-8-26
 - Lucien Avery will lead a wild edibles walk on 8-22-26
 - Joe N will lead a black light walk in September
 - b. Astronomy Event August 12
 - Need volunteers for event
 - Flyers will be posted around town and on web, FB, IG, FPF
 - Andy G will work on getting sound system working
6. Trail Planning
 - a. Continued discussion
 - New trail to connect Reservoir Run to Blue trail via Billings Rd?
 - b. ACT 250 for HED (outstanding) - no news

c. Kelly Brush / Adaptive Partners

- Focus on Reservoir Run? Walkthrough??
- Need to revisit last year's report on making Two Bridges and Shepard's Trace adaptive-friendly

d. Velomont Partner Agreement - no news

7. Past Year Retrospective - no news

7.5 Need to schedule Pumpkin Walk planning session 8-24-26, details to follow

8. Head Home

Adjourn 6:37