

Hardwick Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Oct 5, 2026

5:00 - 6:00 PM

GMTCC Forestry Building

433 N Main

1. In attendance: Corey Hathaway, Ron Weisen, Norma Spaulding, Steve Bolduc, Lenore Renaud, Wayne Renaud, Andrew Gilbert, Eric Remick, and online Nancy Shepard, Dave Mitchell
2. September minutes approved unanimously after motion by Eric and second by Norma
3. Updates:
 - a. Trails Conditions
 - Tree on Blue trail (near Shepard's bench) cleared by Wayne. Still very near trail so Corey and students will clear it further.
 - Bridge on upper Blue trail has rotten decking, especially in the middle. Andrew will revisit soon and assess whether we need to patch it for the winter. We will need to repair it next summer.
 - Leaning cedar trees on Shepard's Trace (near old ballfield) need to be removed. Nancy will talk with Ben Nottermann to be sure we don't interfere with his cattle grazing.
 - Wayne will talk to Ben about modifying interior fences within the Shepard's pasture to allow us to groom the field for skiing in the winter.
 - i. E-Bike policy- John Tuttle is drafting a policy for the committee to review at a later date. Several members noted seeing fully electric bikes (akin to electric motor bikes) on the trails.
 - b. Budget
 - Norma discussed the YTD budget that Casey sent. All looks good
 - 2 bills from Hardwick Gazette will hit soon
 - We will discuss draft budget for 2027-28 at Nov. meeting
 - c. Quick VTS Webinar Recap
 - Andrew to bring info about joining VTS to the next meeting.
4. Gear
 - a. Confirm ski's ordered (outstanding)
 - Corey to get \$500 worth of used skis from Trapps
 - b. Sell old skidoo (fall - time ?)
 - Eric will write up a description and Dave will post on FB Marketplace, Craigslist, and FPF
 - c. Wax jig (fall - time ?)
 - Eric to find an appropriate wax jig and send info to Andrew
5. Programming
 - a. General Status
 - b. Pumpkin Walk!
 - Ron to post on FPF
 - Dave to post on web and FB
 - Lenore will pick up cups and cider
 - Helen ordered donuts, Lenore to confirm if Helen will pick them up.
 - All volunteers to arrive at 3pm Sunday to set out pumpkins, place lights in pumpkins, set up bonfire area

- Steve, Heather, Wayne, Lenore, Eric, Maya, Dave, Norma will be there.
 - Wayne is in charge of bonfire including notifying the fire chief
 - Pumpkin cost was \$1076
6. Hazen Board meeting Oct 20
- Convey our gratitude for Board leadership around the recent stormwater issue.
 - General trails update to the Board provided by Andrew and Helen.
7. Trail Planning
- a. VOREC grant opportunity for planning
 - Andrew will check with John and Helen about possibly applying for funds for accessibility planning.
 - Eric noted that we need to follow the Town's process for applying for grants.
 - b. Prepare to build another section of single track in summer 2027
 - When Steve is back for Thanksgiving, Eric, Andrew, Steve, (Dave?) will map and flag two options for new single track and will bring these options back to the whole committee to decide on a plan for next summer.

Adjourned at 6:07PM

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Remick