

Dec 8 2026

Present: Sonia Mastersen, Ian Stokes, Wright Preston, Sam Pratt, Julian Portilla, Brad Elliot, Dan Wolfson

Review of Nov 24th Minutes

- Approved, Sonia made the motion, Ian 2nd

Trail forks

- Objective: to be in control of the descriptions, naming and openings and closures of the trails committee may decide to have someone else make changes (RTC or RMT) and will generally sync w the rest of the town trails
 - Sam tested TF account and created an account for the ACFC. Admins need time and history operating in the app in order to get seniority to make changes. New accounts created by Sam were not able to make changes to the trails
- VMBA and RMT appear to have control over trail information on TF
 - RTC has RMT managing trails
 - Sam reached out to RMT and didn't hear back
 - Reaching out to Max Krieger to discuss
- Will try to get ACFC as the relevant administrator or co-administrator for the property

Sensitive Area Maps

- Goal is to agree on a map that people who want to submit trail proposals can use
- Ian presented a map that John Hadden and Janine collaborated on
- Map has many layers that can be added and removed
- Base data comes from Arrowwood maps
- Ian will bring a complete map w the data from the MP that we've created so far
- Three maps
 - Natural features
 - Natural features + buffers
 - Trails and navigation
- Need to add the power lines easement as a layer to the map
- Need to research how to publish a map that has several layers that are available to the public. Public can toggle back and forth between layers.

Trail proposal deviation plan

- Sam Pratt's drawings for definitions were well received. Drawings are clear illustrations of the intentions of the committee
- Language was crafted to reflect what the drawings illustrate
- Ian will project the map w the existing buffers
- Committee will review the deviation plan in light of the "real" buffers that are placed on the map
- Julian proposes new language in the trail deviation guidelines:

- Under the heading of “require a justification statement” the suggestion is to refer to the other 5 categories on in Meredith Naughton’s document: (Consolidation, breeding seasons, trail use volume, recreation activity type, taxonomic group). Suggested wording as follows:
 - Where ZOI trail deviations are proposed, requester shall include a justification statement indicating:
 - Why the deviation is necessary (e.g., terrain constraints, trail connectivity need, user safety).
 - What alternatives were considered and why they were rejected.
 - Ecological impact mitigations. Specifically, note the ways in which the remaining management variables noted in Meredith Naughton’s *WILDLIFE & RECREATION* (insert footnote) are taken into account by the proposal. These include: consolidation, breeding seasons, trail use volume, recreation activity type, taxonomic group.

Monitoring plan

- Questions were raised about a monitoring plan. Ian will find the archives of the meeting in which monitoring was discussed and concluded and present it to the group.

Topics for next meeting:

1. Trailforks update
2. Map update
3. Review of variance plan in light of the maps and of new text proposed
4. Monitoring plan review
5. Next meetings:
 - a. Dec 22
 - b. Jan 12
 - c. Jan 26

Movement to adjourn: Julian Portilla

Second: Sonia

Vote: All in favor