

Minutes

Norwich Trails Committee

7 pm, March 4, 2026

Norwich Historical Society

Attendees

George Clark, Jim Faughnan, Bob Fiskin, Nick Krembs, Brian Kunz, John McCormick, Sean Ogle, Aaron Sheldon, Cody Williams

The meeting began at 7:08p.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

Updates from the UVTA

UVTA is hiring for a marketing and communications position. Wrapping up Passport to Winter Fun and beginning Trail Corp. Planning a Hanover High intensive with Willing Hands.

UVTA is still happy to do the work of replacing the bridge from St Barnabas' to Milt Frye Nature Area. Bob shared that he brought the project up with Jon Felde, who will bring it to the church leadership. Jon also mentioned a need to improve an overgrown side trail near the church.

Updates from the Conservation Commission

Norwich planning director Steven True will be at a future Conservation Commission meeting to present FEMA/USGS updates to local flood hazard maps. UVLT and the Conservation Commission will be planning another vernal pool walk for this spring. The commission has received lots of feedback on Lynnwood's articles around road salt reduction.

Gile bench

The carpenter building the bench has been slightly delayed, now aiming for late May. Jim expects it will take a few hours of work to prep and pour a slab.

Trail projects for 2026

Ballard Trail stone steps

Cody and Nick sent a memo to the Town Manager to seek his recommendation to the Selectboard that the Trails Committee be permitted to apply for a Norwich Women's Club grant to cover the cost of hiring Hermit Woods Trailbuilders to repair the damaged section of the stone steps on the Ballard Trail. It will be on the Selectboard agenda for March 11.

Ballard crossings

No updates.

Gile fire tower tread coating

No updates.

Milt Frye Bridge

Covered in *Updates from the UVTA* above.

Website updates

There was some discussion around necessary updates to the larger town-wide maps.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.