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## SHP TRAIL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES Wednesday, October 16, 2025 7PM

**Municipal Center  
Stratham, NH 03885**

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<https://www.strathamnh.gov/parks-recreation/stratham-hill-park-trail-management-advisory-committee>

- I. Call to Order: 7:04 PM
- II. Roll Call: Kate Dardinski, Greg Blood, Bob Keating, Edie Barker, John Singleton, Seth Hickey, Trish Weideman
- III. Consideration of minutes from previous meetings: Deferred.
- IV. Community Resource Officer Update: Mr. Ryan Gurette (CRO) shared concerns about use of e-bikes on Pump Track with biggest concern of broad range of age groups. Enforcement between class 1 & 2 would be difficult due to challenges in discerning between the bikes, whereas class 3 bikes are easier to differentiate from classes 1 and 2. Mr Gurette provided an update on dog behaviors on private property; generally people are complying with use of leashes (small sample). Clarity is needed to identify use of fields near Jack Rabbit parking lot because dogs are off-leash even though the town ordinance requires use of leashes in these fields. Leash-free is allowed only on trails that are on town property. New signage showing private vs. public properties has improved clarity for users in the park. CRO stated that 70-80% of users are doing “the right thing”; attempting to keep a better log of incidents, including safety issues, unruly dogs, etc.
- V. E-bike policy discussion: Seth Hickey provided an overview of types and uses of E-bikes in general. Mr. Hickey drafted an initial attempt for an E-bike Use Policy that includes purpose, definition of E-bikes, Policy Statement for Permitted Use, Trail Etiquette & Safety, Environmental Protection, Compliance with Laws, Enforcement, Review & Updates. The policy may serve as a framework for a town ordinance adopted by the Select Board. The Community Resource Officer offered his observations of behaviors of e-bikers at Stratham Hill Park. Suggestion from public attendee that the policies and



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ordinances are consistent with current statewide regulations. Park Commission members added to discussion regarding possible solutions, e.g. use of permits for e-bike users, such as those used by NH Fish & Game. Consultation with land owners will be pursued regarding use of e-bikes on trails within private properties. Revision of draft e-bike policy will be based on comments from public and committee attendees.

- VI. Signage update: New signage installed on 4x4 posts mostly on town property. Additional posts are required. Signage for trails on private property is the next step. Construction for 3 new kiosks will be done in spring (Point of Rocks, Scammen Road, power line on Gifford Farm).
- VII. Update on trail projects: Rebuilt sections off Rivendell; more work required and expected to be completed in late fall. Propose improvement of area under power lines near school-current infrastructure is compromised.
- VIII. Dog policy discussion: See above notes. TMAC needs to revise proposed ordinance language, seek legal review, and submit to the Select Board for review and possible adoption of revised policy. TMAC only makes a recommendation.
- IX. Other items: An invitation to DPW laborer who helps with trail maintenance will be sent. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 PM.
- X. Adjournment: 8:25 PM.