

Charge for Town of Stratham **Stratham Hill Park Trails Advisory Committee 2021**

Overall Goal:

The purpose of this Advisory Committee is to review the recommendations and areas of concern raised in the Trail Assessment & Inventory Report written by Snowhawk, LLC in 2020 for the trails within the Stratham Hill Trail network. This Committee will make policy recommendations, develop strategies for necessary improvements outlined in the report, and submit recommendations to the Select Board. The Committee will also serve as a public forum for obtaining input about the Stratham Hill Park Trail System, including the Report and other input relevant to the Committee's charge.

Charge:

1. Make general recommendations for following-up on the Report, its recommendations and issues raised with in it.
2. The report suggests a few trails be permanently be closed within the trail system. The Committee will review these recommendations and report to the Select Board their findings.
3. Several sections of Trail are in need of improvement. The Committee will develop a plan on how to best address these section and report their plan to the Conservation Commission and the Park Association.
4. The report makes recommendations on policies regarding the usage of the trails within the system. Some recommendations address new topics (e-bikes), while others revisit emerging concerns (off leash dogs and leaf blowing of trails). The Committee should make recommendations concerning any changes to relevant policies or ordinances.

Structure & Timeline:

The SHP Trails Advisory Committee will be an ad hoc committee. It will consist of 7 members appointed by the Select Board. The Board will appoint a chairperson, who will be responsible for conducting the meetings ensuring compliance with the New Hampshire public meetings laws including meeting postings and record keeping requirements as well as adhering to the Committee's charge and timelines. One committee member will serve as secretary. The Parks and Recreation Director will be the staff liaison to the committee.

The Committee shall provide an interim report to the Select Board three (3) months following date of appointment; and recommend a timeline for the remaining work of the Committee to be completed.

Membership:

Membership on the committee will be open to Stratham residents. The Select Board will appoint one member each from the Conservation Commission, Park Association, and the Stratham Pedestrian & Cyclist Advisory Committee. Remaining seats to be filled by residents interested in participating in the process and committed to attending the meetings. The staff liaison shall be a non-voting member. Applications will be accepted through the Town Administrator's office.

Monthly Meetings:

A regular monthly meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Stratham Municipal Center. Other meetings and workshops can be scheduled as necessary.