

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026

Attendees: Steve Kenney, Justin Hoprich, Dave Silva, Laura Santer, Mike Sliwa, Sherry Dutzy (Conservation Commission Member), Ben Davis, Kim Gryglik, Lon Hohberger, Natlalie Iucci, Andrew Iucci, Bryan Conant, Paula Lochhead, Kamal Masand, Matthew Roscoe

Guests: n/a

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Approval of May Meeting Minutes:

Paula motioned to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Lon seconded this motion. The minutes were unanimously approved without revisions.

Bench Dedication

The newly installed bench, dedicated to Dick Gillespie, will be unveiled at a ceremony at 11:00am on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The mayor will attend. In addition, Steve, Dave, and Paula will speak. Those who wish to attend on Saturday should meet at the Gatehouse.

Gatehouse Grant / Updates

Viking Roofing has been contacted for a quote to complete the necessary repairs.

Brandy Laughlin has been contacted to inquire about grants pertaining to the historical value of the canal; 2026 grants have been delayed but will open to applicants in the Fall.

Proposal to Install Sculpture

Gail Moriarty (Nashua International Sculpture Symposium) would like to propose the installation of a sculpture, currently housed at Lovewell Pond, within Mine Falls Park. The MFPAC will vote on this proposal once it has been received and discussed.

Misc. DPW Topics

- Spine Road and the area near the Gatehouse has been recently graded. There are some remaining banks of dirt on Spine Road that may need to be leveled.

June Trail Day Projects

1. Completion of Matt's Retaining Wall at G65
 - Requires 6-7 volunteers
 - ~15ft of chain railing will be needed once complete, as the drop off of this completed project will be steep!
 - Sherry will evaluate spots where additional vegetation could be planted to prevent erosion without taking over/blocking the trail.
2. Continued Clean-up of Cove Encampment
 - Requires grappling hook
 - Sherry will research plants and bring examples of what could be planted in this space to an upcoming meeting. It would be beneficial to add vegetation to this area, simultaneously deterring future encampments and providing habitat for wildlife.
3. Painting (x3)
 - Highway Underpass
 - Spine Road sign and rocks by dam
 - Bridges and weirs
4. Pulling of Invasive Garlic Mustard
 - Sherry will complete, no additional volunteers needed.
5. Weeding at Memorial/Flag Pole
6. Triangle Cleaning
 - Only if there are enough volunteers!

Projects for Future 2026 Trail Days

- The Spine Road entrance needs a tarp with woodchips placed over it installed to prevent knotweed. Matt knows how to complete this, and can lead this task at August's trail day.
- It was suggested that perennial flowers be planted at park entrances.

Adjournment – 8:08 PM