

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2025

Attendees: Bryan Conant, Paula Lochhead, Natlalie Iucci, Andrew Iucci, Matthew Roscoe, Laura Santer, Dave Silva, Lon Hohberger, Kim Gryslik

Guests: Justin Hoprich (trail day volunteer) and Mike Sliwa (Nashua resident)

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

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

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Dick Gillespie.

2026 Trail Dates and Meeting Dates

The following dates were proposed. The trail dates will be confirmed in February after Bryan identifies any possible conflicts.

2026 Meeting Dates:	2026 Trail Dates:
February 2nd	April 18th
March 2nd	May 16th
April 6th	June 20th
May 4th	August 15th
June 1st	September 19th
August 3rd	October 17th
September 8th (n.b. This is a <i>Tuesday</i>)	
October 5th	
November 2nd	
December 7th	

New Table Cloth for Trail Day

Lon will order table cloth with QR codes sometime before Spring.

Memorial Bench to be Installed

The committee voted unanimously to dedicate the next park bench (to be installed in the spring) to Dick Gillespie, who recently passed after serving on the MFPAC for multiple decades. The dedication will read as follows:

In Memory of Dick Gillespie

“A quiet leader for the stewardship of Mine Falls Park”

Committee members are encouraged to appear before the Board of Public Works regarding this decision on December 18, 2025 at 4:00pm at 848 West Hollis Street. Upon installation of the bench we will invite Dick’s wife, family, and friends to attend a dedication ceremony.

DPW Topics and Projects

- Eversource will be making repairs to telephone poles that cross over the river. They will likely access the park via Cheyenne Drive and/or at the Gate House. The committee emphasized that any damage to roads (ruts, etc.) ought to be repaired by the Eversource crew. They will be using rubber mats to reduce damage during these repairs.
- The committee considered the value of connecting the space behind ~30-45 Green trail to the rest of the park, though there may be logistical obstacles involved. This will be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Encampment Remediation

The city will sweep park encampments on December 14, 2025. The MFPAC continues to monitor approx. 1-5 on the Blue trail (along river) for encampments.

Gate House Updates

No grant money was awarded for the recent grant proposal to restore the roof and soffits on the Gate House. Paula and Bryan will meet on February 9th to receive feedback on this proposal and to begin a separate proposal for masonry work. It is possible that, given recent but insufficient repairs to the roof in 2018, those reviewing the grant failed to appreciate the urgency of these necessary restorations.

In light of this and the denial of grant funding, Paula motioned to utilize the necessary funds from our present MFP budget to pay for these urgently needed restorations to the Gate House’s roof and soffits. Matt seconded this motion, and the committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Adjournment – 8:08 PM