



Greenbelt Gazette

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Multi-user Mantras

- **Town Farm Trail rerouted.** Trail users on the Town Farm Trail have experience with “sharing” the lower lying areas with wetlands and drainage to the Spurwink Marsh. Although Cape Greenbelt trail users are used to “rustic” trail conditions, some portions of the trail had become impossibly muddy. This month, Conservation Committee members rerouted a problematic portion of the trail approximately 75’ upland to a more sustainably drier trail surface. The rerouted trail has been staked and roped off and the new trail section will be mowed and signed, allowing the formerly muddy section to naturally revegetate. Thanks in advance for walking on the new trail route.



Conservation Committee members Michelle Boyer and Corinne Ketcham reroute the Town Farm Trail, including repositioning existing boardwalk.

- **Canterbury on the Cape grants 10-year license!** The Canterbury on the Cape Condominium Association owns several acres of open space land with great potential for greenbelt trails. In a first for the town, the Canterbury Association granted the Town (managed by the Conservation Committee) a 3-year license to manage trails for public access. The pilot effort has been mutually beneficial and on May 7, 2024, a new 10-year license agreement has been signed. Thanks to the Canterbury Association *and* the trail

users who responsibly use marked trails, allowing us to build relationships with private property owners.

• **National Trails Day celebrations on the trails.** June 1st is National Trails Day and the kick-off to Love Maine Trails Month [<http://mainetrailscoalition.org/love-maine-trails-month>]. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) will be establishing a new connector trail from the Davis Parcel to public trails in Cross Hill. To learn more or join the event, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/june-volunteer-work-party-tickets-906060971757>.

• **NEMBA Rides again.** The Conservation Committee has approved 3 ride events to be held by the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) on the greenbelt this season. The first ride will be held on May 29th, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Spurwink Ave medical center. Two additional rides will be held this summer at dates to be determined. Rides are limited to 25-30 riders per group and each group (up to 3) has a leader.

What's Happening?

• **Winnick Woods repairs.** Regrading of the parking lot to better manage drainage and installation of erosion control water diverters at the Trailhead entrance are complete. More work on the Winnick Woods Trails will be done this summer by the Maine Conservation Corps.

• **Community Boat now available.** The Conservation Committee Community Boat Program (canoe fitted out with oars and life preservers) is now taking reservations. To reserve the boat, just call 207-799-0115, during Town Hall office hours. The boat is available to borrow free of charge.



L.P. Murray and Sons make erosion control improvements to the Winnick Woods Trailhead