

Krusch Preserve Committee Meeting

April 30, 2026

Draft Minutes until accepted at next regular meeting

Members Present: Holly Ferris, Mary Fiedler (*video*), Liam Kearney (*video*), Sally Laughlin, Georgeana Little, Jane Porter

Selectboard Liaison: Toni Bryce

Sally Laughlin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of January 29, 2026 Minutes

Jane Porter motioned to approve the January 29, 2026 minutes. Holly Ferris seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of March 26, 2026 Special Meeting

Holly Ferris motioned to accept the March 26, 2026 minutes. Jane Porter seconded. Motion carried.

Sally reported that Liam Kearney and Jane Porter have been reappointed by the Selectboard to 3 year terms. She also reminded everyone that the April meeting is our Annual Meeting and requires the adoption (or re-adoption) of our Rules of Procedure and election of officers.

The Rules of Procedure remain unchanged with the exception of the dates for meetings. Our meeting dates will be July 30, 2026, October 29, 2026, January 28, 2027, and April 29, 2027.

Georgeana Little motioned to accept the changes to the Rules of Procedure. Jane Porter seconded. Motion carried.

Current Officers are Sally Laughlin, Chair (appointed by the Selectboard), Liam Kearney,

Vice Chair, Georgeana Little, Secretary. All officers have agreed to serve another term.

Jane Porter motioned to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Holly Ferris seconded. Motion carried.

Financial

Greg Fatigate/Rabbit Track Trail Work has submitted an invoice of \$2,553 for removal of the honeysuckle. He will need another half day to finish the work.

Jane Porter motioned to submit the invoice to the Town for payment. Georgeana Little seconded. Motion carried.

Liam Kearney mentioned that the gravel path leading to the first bridge will need to be refurbished. There is money in the budget for this work.

Jonathan Wood has agreed to do a forest assessment of the Bormann Property. He expects the cost to be between \$1,200-\$1,400. He may also do an assessment of the sugarhouse area to determine if it is appropriate for interpretive information and if any additional surveying of that area is necessary. The money is available in our Reserve Fund.

Jane Porter motioned to ask the Selectboard to sign the contract and authorize the Town to pay Jonathan Wood's invoice when it comes in. Mary Fiedler seconded. Motion carried.

Current fund balances are:

Krusch Reserve Fund \$14,399.16; Krusch Assets Account \$1,987.66.

Endowment \$46,678.18 with \$3,417.000 available for drawdown. Currently only town officials can review this account with the Vermont Community Fund. Sally will work with them to allow our committee access as well.

Projects, Reports, and Events

The Selectboard has approved all documents necessary for the purchase of the Bormann property. The closing is set for June 16th or 17th.

The Interim Management Plan is now posted on the Krusch website.

Erin Amadon will be coming on May 23rd to view prospective trail routes and advise us on the trails through the new areas.

Jerry Cole will lead the project for installing the bat houses. The Trails Committee has been notified of the effort and may contribute some volunteers. Jerry has suggested sourcing the wood from Sticks and Stuff in St Albans. We need to check if the Town has an account there so that we can avoid paying sales tax. Other sources for the wood were suggested.

The Bridges and Classroom have been swept and cleaned for the upcoming season.

Liam suggests repainting the blazes on the main trail with white areas on a black background. The white alone fades and is often hard to see.

The Website is being tweaked but there are no major changes.

Liam reviewed the new trail layout he and Mary Fiedler are proposing.

Tea Ferris is no longer interested in overseeing our Instagram page. Holly will take over the task.

Mary discussed the many walks that are planned for the spring, summer, and fall. A couple of groups of Cambridge preschoolers visited the site recently and enjoyed the experience.

Friends of the PAKNP Update

Mary reported that the campaign has ended and the Vermont Land Trust was sent a check for the final installment of the funds Friends of the PAKNP raised.

Other Business

Our proposed addition to the current Preserve Management Plan for keeping open areas open is still pending adoption by the Selectboard and the VLT. This can be accomplished

when the final Management Plan for the new 30 acres is proposed after our first year of ownership.

Liam is adding corkboard to the back of the Kiosk to provide for additional postings.

Adjourn

Georgeana Little motioned to adjourn. May Fiedler seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Minutes taken by Georgeana Little, Secretary

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