



# Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
4. CONSENT AGENDA

**a. Approve Minutes of 04/08/2024**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 4.a.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 4.a.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_4.a..pdf)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ACTION ITEMS
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.a.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.a.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.a..pdf)

**b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.b.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.b.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.b..pdf)

**c. Cameron Preserve**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.c.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.c.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.c..pdf)

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.d.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.d.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.d..pdf)

**e. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.e.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.e.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.e..pdf)

**f. Next Field Event - TBD**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.f.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7.f.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7.f..pdf)

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Board Member Comments**

**b. Staff Reports**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 8.b.

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 8.b.** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_8.b..pdf)

**c. Next Scheduled Meeting Date - 06/10/2024**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 4.a.**  
**Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prepared By:** Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Approve Minutes of 4/8/2024

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Summary of Actions at the Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting of 4/08/2024

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Draft Minutes of T&GC Meeting of 4/08/2024

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Request Approval

**MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 PM**

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN - EXCUSED
BOARD MEMBERS:	BOB WILBUR BARBARA CAMERON MARK GUNTER
GRANT/VALKARIA LIASON:	CRAIG SMITH
BOARD SECRETARY:	RICHARD KOHLER
TOWN EMPLOYEE:	JUDY SCHULTZ

- 3. Additions/Deletions/Changes-** Clerk Kohler requests item 7.c. be moved to above 7.a., as Staff Member Schultz wishes to present her item. Without objection, the agenda was amended as requested.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.a. Regular Trails and Greenways Committee Mtg Minutes of 3/12/2024.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended by CM Gunter/CM Cameron.**

Discussion: Chair Thompson found one spelling error.

**All Ayes: Carried 4-0.**

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

- 6. ACTION ITEMS:** None.

**7. DISCUSSION**

**a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Clerk Kohler states he was able to ride all of the trails north of Malabar Road, and all are open without obstruction. The area is generally dry and moving quickly. Chair states VC Hann was able to install some of the remaining Kiosk signs, including the Sandhill Trailhead and the Capon Street Bridge. Liaison Smith states he has seen more people in the Preserve acting dangerously, including drinking and smoking after hours. He requested they clean up after themselves. CM Gunter states he saw a large family respectfully using the CTS. Liaison Smith suggests performing a monthly clean up of the area. CM Wilbur suggests getting a Boy Scout troop to do it.

**b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns**

Chair asks if there are any concerns about the project. Clerk Kohler provided a brief explanation of VC Hann's MOU request. Chair also stated he received a distressed phone call from former Member Britt with concerns about the project right behind Country Cove. CM Gunter also reports that there is a baby Eagle in the next in MSS.

**c. Cameron Preserve (Moved to before item 7.a.)**

Clerk Kohler introduced Town Employee Judy Schultz to the Committee. Ms. Schultz requested to create a draft Trail Walkthrough Video. She documented her walk along the Green Trail from the Swallow-Tailed Kite Trailhead to the Al Tuttle Trail, highlighting trail features, signs and the Cameron Trail Shelter. Staff is requesting

comments or suggestions from the Committee before it is presented to Council. If the Committee likes the presentation, Staff can continue to record these types of videos. Chair Thompson states the Committees goal is to provide access to everyone, even the handicapped. Liaison Smith suggests including a video from a horse riders' perspective. Chair also suggests utilizing a drone for greater coverage. The Committee thanked Ms. Judy, and stated they feel this is exactly what they were hoping to see. Ms. Schultz states she was inspired by the City of Sebastian doing a similar project. Chair suggests providing a map embedded with videos. He also suggests doing a landscaped version. Ms. Schultz also suggests using these videos for social media outreach and using the landscape videos for more in depth versions. CM Wilbur suggests using a drone to do an overall arial shot before entering the trail. Liaison Smith suggests using portrait for social media and landscape for the website. Clerk suggests filming a secondary video on the Impala Trail, using landscape and having the camera first, to use as a comparison at the next meeting. Consensus is reached to submit a second video for review at the May meeting. Chair thanks Ms. Schultz and Mr. Kohler for their efforts. Chair requests this become a standing agenda item for regular meetings. He hopes to expand on this at future meetings.

Clerk Kohler also indicated staff was able to get a quote from the Brevard County Traffic Operations center for the requested signs in the Cameron Preserve.

**MOTION: CM Cameron/CM Wilbur to recommend the purchase of \$434.14 of signs for the Cameron Preserve.**

Chair requests the Town install the Welcome Sign, and the Committee install the Boundary Signs.

**Vote: All Ayes (4-0)**

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

Clerk states that the Fire Department has been in contact with Heidekruger Well Drillers and have confirmed the connection scope and size. Fire Chief Foley was able to find an adapter that met his requirements. It has been sent to the contractor for inclusion in the final quote. The April 5<sup>th</sup> trail day was canceled.

**e. Next Field Event – TBD**

Chair states that we should reschedule the work event for the ENT fence. Consensus is reached to have a trail day at 9 AM on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Chair requests Clerk Kohler send a call list to the members.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Board Member Comments:** CM Cameron asks Chair Thompson if he has access to the old scrap books from the Committee. Chair Thompson provides a brief history of the Trails Committee and its initial inception. CM Gunter asks if the Parks Board is still in danger of joining the Trails Committee. Clerk states the Parks Board is at full regular membership. CM Wilbur once again requests the NW corner of Marie and Malabar be better maintained. He also requests we remove the zoning change signs. CM Gunter requests more information on the crossing improvements at that area. Chair states he will request information at BPTAC. Chair asks if we can request the Town change the zoning designation from Institutional. He fears there may be negative actions in place and would like to protect the area from FI Statute 253.0134 which allows conservation land to be changed and developed. CM Wilbur states the sanctuaries are being restored in a similar manner to preparation of development. He fears a solar farm, a corrections center, or a landfill. Clerk Kohler states he will have an agenda item to discuss this at our next meeting, and request TM Morrell attend.

**b. Staff Reports:** None.

- c. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** Secretary Kohler informed the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for May 13. CM Cameron states she may be absent for that meeting.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION: CM Cameron/CM Gunter to adjourn.** Vote: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

BY:

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 Drew Thompson, Chair

5/13/2024

Date Approved: as presented:

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 Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary

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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.a.

Meeting Date: May 13, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Traditionally, members of the Committee share their recent experiences from the trails and at the trailheads.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Discussion

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.b.

Meeting Date: May 13, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT: MSS Restoration Project Observations and Concerns**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Chair Thompson requested this item be added to the monthly reviewed items on the T&GC Agenda. He states his hope is that this will provide a basis for some historical record of the project's impact on T&GC infrastructure as otherwise there exists no permits active to which progress / problems would be recognized by and/or acted upon by TOM.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None.

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None.



# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.C**  
**Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk**

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**SUBJECT: Cameron Preserve Update**

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### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Cameron Preserve with additional signage and potentially updating the Management Plan.
  - a. Town Staff met with the FCT Administrator for our area to perform a site visit at Cameron Preserve, Eschenberg Preserve, and the Disc Golf Sanctuary.
  - b. On 11.01, Staff and CM Hann met with 3 members of the Florida Forestry Division.
    - i. They indicated an influx of funding will allow them to assist in cutting of firebreaks, mechanical vegetation reduction, and controlled burns.
    - ii. They also indicated that any area the Committee wishes to burn must be bordered on all sides by an effective fire line.
    - iii. Staff has developed a rough draft of proposed fire lines which would integrate the scrub habitat restoration cycle previously discussed.
    - iv. Staff has also communicated to Malabar FD about maintaining the firebreaks once they have been refurbished. If the Town procures the proper equipment, they would be willing to assist regularly.
- b. The Bike repair stand has also been received and is awaiting instillation.
- c. VC Hann stated at the 11/13 meeting he would develop modifications to the firebreak plan and provide specifications for the mechanical reduction of zone 4.
- d. At the 2/12/2024 meeting, the Committee voted on a new sign for Cameron Preserve. Staff requested a quote from Brevard County Traffic Maintenance. The signs were purchased and delivered, and Public Works installed the Welcome Sign. Staff delivered the Boundary Signs to Committee members for instillation.
- e. The Committee has previously discussed their hopes for including a virtual walk through of the trail system. Town Receptionist, Judy Schultz, has volunteered to do a trial video for this project.
  - a. Ms. Schultz previously provided a video highlighting the Green Trail and the Cameron Trail Shelter.
  - b. The Committee provided feedback stating they would like to see both portrait and horizontal shots in future videos and have the camera first on the trail.
  - c. Ms. Schultz has prepared 2 new videos of the Impala Trail for the Committee's review.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Cameron Preserve Impala Trail Videos

### **ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Motion to accept the Cameron Preserve Impala Trail Video Walkthrough.

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.d**  
**Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk**

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**SUBJECT: Eagles Nest Trailhead**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Eagles Nest Trailhead.
- b. Staff has requested an engineer reviewed drainage plan and filing a permit for the drainage work.
- c. Interim Chief Giantonio of Malabar FD attended the July meeting to discuss the possibility and applicability of a Fire Well at the Trailhead.
  - a. Staff has requested a formal quote from Heidi Kruger Well Drillers (HKWD) for a 4 inch well. The Office Manager of HKWD indicated to Staff that the quote would be ready by Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. The quote will be brought to Council for final approval.
  - b. As of 4/4/2024, the contractor is still seeking quotes on the connection apparatus for the well. FD Chief Foley has provided additional resources to them.
    - i. On 5/3/2024, a Member of Town staff visited the Office of Heidi Kruger.
    - ii. Staff found that former Chief Foley had sent them an adaptor of the wrong size (4.5 inches instead of 4) and the wrong material (Plastic connector instead of Brass).
    - iii. Heidie Kruger staff is seeking comparable connectors from Furgeson Waterworks.
- d. The Committee canceled its workday scheduled for 5/3/2024.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.e.**

**Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk**

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**SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations**

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### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Annually, each advisory Board and Committee is asked to provide Council with budget recommendations for the upcoming budget process. This is an opportunity to request funding for a project to be included in the upcoming annual budget. Recommendations taken from the Boards and Committees are provided to Council during the budget workshops. Some current ideas/projects that are currently unfunded or not yet paid for are:

- Well at Eagles Nest Trailhead (Unofficially quoted at about \$8,400.00)
- Underpass Trail under Briar Creek Blvd (Unknown Cost)
- Zig-Zag Trail in Cameron Preserve (Unknown Cost)
- Additional Trail Shelter in Cameron Preserve (Unknown Cost)
- Completion of the Eagles Nest Trailhead (Unknown Cost)
- Cameron Preserve Tree Reduction (Outside Agency Assistance Requested)
- Marie Street Crossing (Requires State Assistance)
- South Brevard Master Trail Plan (Outside agency)
- Sandhill Trailhead Refurbishment (Unknown Cost or Scope)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

### **ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.f.  
Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Next Field Event - TBD

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The Trails and Greenways Committee canceled their May 3<sup>rd</sup> trail day, which was intended to complete the fence line at Eagles Nest Trailhead. The Committee may wish to schedule a workday to complete the fence line, or to install the additional signs requested and the Bike Repair Stand.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 8.b.**

**Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk**

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**SUBJECT: Staff Report**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

At the May 6<sup>th</sup> RTCM, Staff provided Council with the Committee's recommendation to amend the Town Zoning Code to include a new Zoning Designation for Conservation. Chair Thompson expressed his desire to amend the zoning of the Malabar Preserve lands to better protect them from potential surplus sale by the State. The land is currently Zoned Institutional (INS) and has a FLUM of Conservation (Con). Staff requested Council direction on pursuing this change. Below is an excerpt from the DRAFT 5.6.2024 RTCM Minutes.

*“Mayor Reilly states former Clerk Franklin was approached to change the zoning, and it was not advantageous for us to change the code. Its FLUM is conservation, and its zoning is institutional. Mayor Reilly states he is not in favor. CM Hofmeister asks what the downside would be? TM Morrell states that she has reviewed this in the past year. The land is owned by the State, and they are managed by the County. Attorney Bohne states it would be a comp plan amendment. Council consensus is to leave this alone.”*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None