



Greenbelt Gazette

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What's Happening?

•**Adopt A Trail Program.** The inaugural class of Trail Adopters continues to grow (6 and counting). Volunteers are participating in rolling training sessions with Conservation Committee member Matt Grymek and will soon be submitting their Spring report. Would you like to join the trail adopter ranks? Visit the town website, www.capeelizabeth.gov/Adopt-a-Trail, to read the [Handbook](#) and [submit an application form](#). And thank you to our Trail Adopter volunteers.

•**Setting Trail Improvement priorities.** The Conservation Committee is assembling its list of project priorities for 2026. The committee is supplementing the FB Environmental Greenbelt Assessment (2020) recommendations with site visits. Trail walks have been conducted at Stonegate, the Highlands and Cross Hill. Priority setting establishes a list of field ready projects for volunteers and guides annual greenbelt expenditures.



Conservation Committee members at the Cross Hill trail loop

•**Coming soon to the Cape Elizabeth town website – The Cape Elizabeth Trails Story map.**

Where are the 25 miles of Cape Elizabeth greenbelt trails? This month, a new interactive greenbelt trails map will be added to the Town website. While the greenbelt map looks the same, one click will take you to each trail where information about the trail and pictures will help you decide where your next meander will be. More information coming soon.

Multi-user Mantras

•**NEMBA 2026 trail rides.** The Greater Portland New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) will again coordinate 3 rides on the Cape Elizabeth Greenbelt this season. Three rides will be held, 1 each in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Rides will occur on a Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm. or on a weekend from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Weekday rides will include up to 25 riders split into 2-3 groups. A weekend ride will include up to 50 riders split into 3-4 groups. The Conservation Committee approved this annual event at the May meeting. Interested participants should contact NEMBA.

•**You can thank an Eagle Scout candidate.** Boy scouts are frequent users of the Annual priority project list, seeking an Eagle Scout project that meets the requirements of the program. The Conservation Committee has been able to “check off” several trail improvements due to the efforts of Eagle Scouts. The most recent project is approximately 70’ of new boardwalk in Gull Crest (projects 1-18 and 1-19) near the Spurwink Marsh. Thank you Hudson for “shortening the list.”

•**Community Boat at Great Pond now available for reservations.** Would you like to take a paddle on Great Pond? A canoe, oars and life preservers (adult and child) are available to borrow. Call the ACP Office, 207-799-1619, to make your reservation.

