

Walden Parks Committee

October 2025 Monthly Meeting

Date: October 1st, 6-7 pm; Walden Town Hall

Attendees: Lance Pope, Larry Skaggs, Christian Tartaglia, Luke Iverson, Chris Chaffin, Joseay Chaffin

Minutes: Christian

Introduction of new members: n/a

General Business:

- meeting started at 6:00pm.
- meeting minutes from September unanimously approved.
- Grant Updates:
 - Town of Walden received the Approval letter from the County.

Updates:

Mabbitt Spring

- Paul Lang and Larry will be removing the big rock from under the bridge in October.
- trail looks good.
- SECC creek drainage work site visit TBD.

Falling Waters:

- MOU w/TDEC (SNA), reviewed by the Committee and bullet #7 is problematic as it puts Walden in charge of ALL future trail “upgrades”/work.
- Committee will make a revision of bullet #7, submit it to the town with our recommendation to approve with the revision. Once town approves we will send it to Travis for State Approval.

Griffiss Park:

- Concrete pad is poured.
- Lance will get the 3rd quote from the plumber.

Signs:

- n/a

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New Business/Follow Up:

- Joseay (Eagle Scout) wants to post signs at Mabbitt and two other creek trails (Rainbow Lake and Green Gorge). The signs will have a QR code that informs hikers about Salamanders and stream health. Participants will be able to fill out an online form which will be sent to Marry Beth Sutton with WaterWays Chattanooga to inform them of creek health and local Salamander health. The P&R Committee is supportive of the sign being posted at the Mabbitt Spring trail head.
- proposed fountains to be upgraded to bottle filler water fountains. all committee members agreed and unanimously approved.
- Town of Walden needs an MOU with the County for the Walden Ridge Connector Trail.
- Schedule with the SECC to address trail work at both Mabbitt and Falling Waters.

No further updates.

Next meeting is November 5th.

Adjourn meeting at 7:01 pm.