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MEMORANDUM

TO: Beacon City Council, B. Swanson, N. Ward-Willis, C. Gates

FROM: Lee Kyriacou, Mayor City of Beacon

DATE: 16 April 2026

SUBJECT: *Ad hoc* consolidated Trails Committee

Creation: As Mayor, I am hereby creating an *ad hoc* Mayor's committee, titled the "Trails Committee," to provide input and guidance to the Mayor for all current and potential trails – but first and foremost, for the coming Beacon Rail Trail. The Trails Committee will consolidate the input for all City trail efforts, including the Greenway Trail Committee (which was an *ad hoc* committee created when only a single trail along Fishkill Creek was contemplated and no one could foresee converting the Metro-North rail spur into a City rail trail).

Composition and Chair: I will appoint 5-7 members to the Trails Committee, following an opportunity to receive applications from existing committee and other community members. I welcome anyone in the community to apply and look forward to reviewing all applicants. As Chair of the Trails Committee, I am appointing Graham Lawlor, who is currently a Greenway Trail Committee member and who lives directly adjacent to the future Beacon Rail Trail.

Scope: I am charging the Trails Committee, when requested, to advise the Mayor on:

- **Beacon Rail Trail:** Input into the Beacon Rail Trail during its design phase, including trailheads, street crossings and connectivity to Fishkill; input into how the Beacon Rail Trail, as the City's highest priority trail project, should be reflected in the City's Comprehensive Plan or other plans.
- **Fjord Trail:** Input into the Beacon portion of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, including crossing Fishkill Creek, integration with the Beacon Rail Trail, bathrooms and trailhead at Long Dock and the Beacon Train Station.
- **Greenway Trail:** Given the proximity and partial overlap of the Beacon Rail, Fjord and Fishkill Creek Greenway trails, input into any potential integration, changes, priorities and site plans of those trails.
- **Beacon Station TOD Project:** Input into any trail that may be included in non-vehicular access for the TOD effort on the north Metro-North parking lot at the train station.
- **Other Potential Trail Opportunities:** Input into any potential future trails, e.g., at University Settlement Camp, or connections to Hudson Highlands trails.

Timeframe: This Committee will sunset December 31, 2027, unless otherwise determined by the Mayor.