

## Knob Committee 9/24/25, 5:30 PM Minutes

### Agenda:

1. Public Comment: none
2. 8/13/25 minutes: Approved
3. Review of Cooperative Agreement between Town of St Johnsbury and Caledonia Trail Collaborative (pdf attached): Jon summarized the history behind the agreement. Currently unmanaged; needs oversight and work. Agreement modelled on an agreement from Stowe Trails Partnership; and also Killington. Idea is to build this resource; benefits of Town Park. Still, safety issues; washout on Black Trail. Question as to whether this committee is the proper venue to provide feedback. Parks and Rec might be a better venue, although there was an early idea to have this committee to broaden its scope beyond the Knob. Next step would be to take agreement to select board. Questions likely to arise: Cost? Who pays for what? Does the agreement bind the town to make improvements or changes that result in costs. Doesn't seem to be the case, but ancillary costs might arise in the future. Committee supports the plan and Chad should bring it before the select board for further review.
4. Proposal opportunities from Joe Fox. Committee not at the stage to apply for grants, but are in the process of developing plans that would appear to fit well with these grants.
5. SJA Sophomore Stewardship Day—volunteer to give presentation. Yes. David Pacun will give presentation. Ideas for SSD work: trail building, invasives, and signage.
6. Follow up on Rock Climbing (see previous Conservative Easement excerpts attached). Not approving such uses until we have a completed management plan, which would require more information (location, extent, number of people, etc.) Current uses should fit within CE. Chair will write back to that effect.
7. Arrowwood Suggested Management Plan. VTL will provide some sample plans from other towns. Will do some sort of Jotform or Google Doc to get input in advance of next meeting.
  - a. Will do walk through on trails and initiate with Arrowwood.
  - b. Public outreach then meet with Select Board.
  - c. Knob is in relatively usable state right now. Keep it simple.
8. Meeting adjourned 6Pm...