

Knob Committee Agenda 5/13/26, 5:30 PM, Welcome Center

Present: Tim Tierney, Rebecca Hill-Larsen, Hannah Wigginton, Kiko Nobusawa, David Pacun, Maggie Fisher, Gavin Fisher.

Agenda:

- Public Comment.
- Introductions
- Approval of 4/22/26 minutes postponed until next meeting: Chair was only person present from the 4/22/26 meeting.
- Tim update on Sophomore Stewardship Day 5/1/26: Installed waterbars and other erosion control measures on 'southern' trail. Camping site found at bottom of quarry.
- David update on Recommendations to the Select Board: Two recommendations: first that 'for the time being' the Knob be bow-hunting only. Second, that the Knob be placed 'all-inside the Village' or all outside of the Village. Select Board and Town Manager will investigate options.
- Management Plan recommendations and thoughts:

Chapter 2--**Structure of the Committee:** Committee is fine with structure as proposed, but does suggest that the Select Board be free to explore other options, structures, and responsibilities.

Chapter 3: **Property History** should be updated to include a section on the competing property maps and village/town line.

Other Issues:

**Hunting:** submitted to Select Board.

**Parking:** Requires additional study, including possibility of accessible parking.

**Community Garden:** Issues of access to water access and parking. Continue to investigate. Note: Hospital, Lafayette Street have wait lists. Town might look into RK Miles property.

**Trail System:** Construct trail system for walking (but allowing bikes); circular, and entirely on the property. Avoid vernal pools, and sensitive areas. Accept Arrowwood recommendations in principle but continue to explore options and adjust trail design as necessary.

**Mountain Biking:** No immediate need as plenty of other trails exist already. Focus should be on walking. Note: Erosion control needs might mean waterbars.

**Mowing and Fields:** Establish a mowing and bushhogging consistent with Arrowwood recommendations, preserving views and open fields for bobolinks, removing some of the pines that have grown in the fields. Include mowing of trail system around the field. Investigate soft edge. Develop Invasives policy.

**Signage:** Develop signage appropriate to property boundaries, informative and educational that celebrates property and its history. Investigate kiosk at parking or gate.

**Other:** Barbed wire along upper field needs to be removed. Chair will look into.

- Trail pads to count visitors; or on trees. Get rough numbers
- Fund raising.

- Adjourn 6:33 PM