Craftsbury Trails (CT) Meeting
Thursday August 27, 2026

Meeting Participants:
Craftsbury Trails Committee:
Matt Krebs
Ollie Burruss
Gina Campoli

Members of the Public
Hollis Allen
Riva Reynolds
Reed Holden
Rudy Chase
John Brodhead

Upgrade to the Village to Common Trail (V2C)
Ollie described trail alignment improvements he and COC athletes undertook to V2C on the wooded hillside just east the "hidden meadow" off of Auld Lang Syne Rd. It adds aprox 100ft of a more gentle switchback. He will revise the map soon.

There appears to be continued use of the V2C although perhaps more in the spring during the school session. It was noted that landowners appreciate user friendliness such as waves or a simple thumbs.

Sterling Trail Maintenance
Ollie and Adrian were able to get out a couple of times to clear the open areas and weed wack berms. The new owners of the former Inn on the Common and Cedar Cottage have both indicated support for the trail. Gina will continue to monitor the future of the Sterling campus and the feasibility of maintaining the existing Sterling trails after the property changes hands.

Recap of the state wetlands biologist's visit to the Green Space property - a potential trailhead for a Village to East Craftsbury trail

Gina summarized the site visit with DEC wetlands scientist Shannon Morrison on June 10th.

- The current Green Space mowed path is entirely within a class 2 wetland. That use can be maintained without wetland permitting concerns.
- Rebuilding the current board walk (stringers with boards across) is allowed without a permit as long as we remain on the same alignment and don't exceed 5 ft width of disturbance.
- From the boardwalk, the wetland extends up the hill onto Reed's property for aprox 150 ft. A permit and thus the hiring an expert to conduct a wetland delineation will be required if fill is brought in or if trees must be cut. A new board walk of the same design of the existing one with switch backing would avoid permitting.
- Shannon did not discern wetland soils on the remainder of the hillside heading straight towards Pete's boundary.

The group concluded that Ollie should meet with Reed Holden, the property owner, and investigate the feasibility of a hillside boardwalk - both in terms of cost/maintenance and user safety - and report back.

Future of the Green Space Property

Rural Arts has indicated their interest in selling the property this fall. The acting director asked if CT would be interested in preparing an ownership proposal. Gina responded in an e-mail that CT represents the town and is not a separate entity. The group agreed that Green Space trail access continues to be desired and we would very much like to work with future owners. CT does not at this time, however, recommend that the town take over ownership.

The group agreed that this ownership uncertainty will delay Green Space funding efforts for the near future.

Grants

Word has it state trails funding this year is diminished with interest in large and sophisticated projects statewide increasing thus making for fierce competition. The 2027 VOREC focus will be on planning and promotion. There may be increased federal Land Water and Conservation funds available for a round next year.

Alternative Village Trail Head

Matt suggested that there may be an alternative to using the Green Space and described a future small parking area and route up Calderwood Hill. This would connect nicely with the V2C trail intersection with the Creek Rd. Ollie agreed to research routes, pencil them in and reach out to property owners on Calderwood Hill and in East Craftsbury - see below.

East Craftsbury

The group discussed the possibility of working more closely with East Craftsbury land owners on where the Village connector trail may be located and enter East Craftsbury. In addition Ollie described the potential of a route that starts in East Craftsbury and loops up to favorable terrain in Greensboro.

Common to COC trail

The group discussed the need for a year round off road walking/biking/running connection between the Common and the COC. CT will investigate further.