

Northfield Conservation Commission

October 15, 2017 at Cornerstone Pub

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm

- I. ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Laura Hill-Eubanks, Nathaniel Miller, Russ Barrett, and Jane Pekol
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda: None
- III. Public Participation (Scheduled): None
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Tabled until we have a quorum for voting.
- V. Discussion:

Land Conservation and Stewardship Plan

The Selectboard meetings 9/26 and 10/10 were attended by NCC and the Selectboard ruled that the Town will move forward with a permanent conservation easement on the Town Forest land. Jeff Schulz will write a letter for the Vermont Land Trust and details of the easement can be determined at a later date. The Stewardship Plan and the Conservation easement should be consistent as far as uses of the land. The Stewardship Plan can be amended; an easement cannot be amended. There was a question on the Town Forest Committee—when does it need to be in place? Does an interim Plan (were we to use one) need to have Selectboard approval? Laura will find out how long Arrowwood will wait to present their findings and determine whether we can push the launch of the Stewardship Plan until after the easement work is completed. The buffer area in Cheney field is excluded from the conservation easement. Water storage tanks are located at the Northwest corner of Cheney field; we need to find out exactly how much land we need to exclude from the easement for the purposes of the back-up water supply.

Other

Night on the Common went well. We had a lot of interest in the maps, they will need to be made more accessible to the public. Potential to upload the document to our page on the Town website? A kiosk would be something to consider creating in the Town Forest. Laura wants to display Nathan's Eagle Scout project at the library soon. Copies of the map should be made available at the library and the municipal building.

- VI. Public Participation (Unscheduled):
- VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jane Pekol, Northfield Conservation Commission

These minutes are subject to changes and approval at the next regular meeting, but are substantially correct.