

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
6:30 P.M. Brown Public Library - Community Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

I. ROLL CALL : Present were Commissioners Laura Hill-Eubanks, Nathaniel Miller, and Jane Pekol

II. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

III.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None.

IV.APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September and October; tabled until we have quorum for voting.

V. DISCUSSION

- Land Conservation Project

The grant application for the purchase of the TDS property to add to the Town Forest has been submitted by the Land Trust. And a purchase and sale contract is being drafted for review by the Town, the Land Trust, and TDS. A conservation easement for the Town Forest will be negotiated by the Town and the Land Trust

- Town Forest Stewardship Plan

The Town Forest Stewardship Plan will likely be rolled out after the conservation easement has been finalized. Arrowwood Environmental is willing to wait until we are ready to have the public forum - they can lead the discussion.

- Town Meeting referendum

Towns throughout Vermont are including a referendum on their Town Meeting Day ballots and/or meetings which states support for the state's goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050 and states opposition to any new fossil fuel infrastructure proposals. Getting a referendum on the ballot would require 175 signatures of voters by January 18th. The Commission already has a lot of initiatives that are requiring the attention of the Commission, the Selectboard, and state partners. It was decided that the Commission could be in support of such a campaign but not play a key role in it.

- Eagle Scout library display

Jane will coordinate with Sherry to ensure that the Trail maps are displayed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Pekol. These minutes are subject to changes and approval at the next meeting but are substantially correct.