

Northfield Conservation Commission
Minutes 10-17-2018

- I. Present: L. Hill-Eubanks, N. Miller, R. Ruttenberg, R. Barrett, D. Zuaro
- II. Russ Barrett, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
- III. Public participation: Debra Maloney-Evans & Jonathan Spencer.
Jonathan represents the coalition for the protection and preservation of Northfield's Cheney field. The coalition will begin holding meetings. The Central VT energy commission has on-line maps that show renewable energy sites identified by the regional planning commission. He hopes other sites will be looked at and that people realize this is not a yes or no vote on solar. Debra Maloney-Evans said she is attending this meeting as she learned that there is an opening on the commission and wants to see what our meetings are like.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Ruth moved and Laura seconded, approval of the minutes of September 19, 2018. Motion passed 5-0.
- V. Discussion items:
 - A. EAB-Emerald Ash Borer:
Ruth distributed copies of the draft EAB plan that she and Russ have been working on. Their goal is to achieve consensus amongst NCC members, share the plan with Jeff (Monday 10-22) and then bring it to the select board in time for action to happen in Spring 2019. Russ contacted Bill Devoss at NU and reported that NU intends to treat or inoculate the ash trees at the Gold Star Memorial site.
 - B. Recreation Grant Application:
Debbie reported that The Governor's office announced a grant program: the Vermont Outdoor Recreational Communities Grant Program. Russ has reviewed the grant and suggested a joint application with Berlin and Montpelier. The group agreed this should be explored further. Debbie volunteered to do this.

C. NCC Opening:

There is a vacancy left by the resignation of Jane Pekol. After discussion the group agreed that Pam should post the vacancy on the town website and on FPF. NCC would like candidates to submit a letter of interest and a resume.

D. Town Forest Plan for Select Board

The group agreed that the plan in its current form should be used once the maps have been updated to add the summit land. Laura will arrange for maps update. Rose Beatty, forester, needs authorization to move ahead. A detailed plan for the new parcel will be worked on at a future time.

E. NCC hike

The hike from Waitsfield to Northfield via the Scragg Mountain trail had 6 participants. Russ led the hike. There are no plans for another hike.

VII. Adjournment

Debbie moved, 2nd by Nathaniel that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zuaro