

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Wednesday March 20, 2019

- I. ROLL CALL: Laura, Debbie, Nathaniel, Russ (via phone)**
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Pam DeAndrea, CVRPC, Joe Dalrymple, John Sears, Jane Pekol. Jane thanked the NCC for supporting the commuter bus at town meeting. She announced that on April 14th there is a community conversation about this topic at Good Measure brewing.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 16, 2019; February 20, 2019 minutes approved on motion by Debbie, 2nd by Nathaniel. Motion passed.
- IV. DISCUSSION**
 - a. Water Quality Reclassification project discussion, Pam DeAndrea (CVRPC):** Pam presented an overview of the new state surface water quality classifications that now include use. There will be 4 classifications vs 3. CVRPC would like to know if Northfield is interested in reclassifying the Dog River and ancillary streams. Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and VT Fish and Wildlife (VFW) would help us. The group agreed a letter of support should be sent to CVRPC saying we would like to do this.
 - b. Town Forest Stewardship Plan updates:** There is a need to update the maps in this plan. Nathaniel moved, Debbie 2nd to spend \$495 to have Arrowwood update town forest maps. The updated town forest plan will be rolled out upon Russ's return North.
 - c. Better Connections Grant:** Debbie gave an overview of the grant. Laura asked if a consultant would be hired and about the role for NCC. Debbie agreed to update the Select Board on the grant and present the role for NCC at the next meeting. A consultant will be hired.
 - d. NCC applicants for appointment:** By unanimous agreement, Joe and John were will be recommended for appointment by the Select Board as new members of NCC.
 - e. Future Projects.** Laura asked that people think about what projects they would like to work on this year for a potential brainstorming session at our next meeting.
- V. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15**