

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Wednesday May 15, 2019

- I. ROLL CALL: Debbie, John, Russ, Ruth, Laura, Joe**
- II. SET/ADJUST AGENDA: Russ called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
- a. July Paine Mtn. Trail Race: Lydia Petty gave an overview of the trail races taking place on July 13th. NCC agreed to donate the remaining Paine Mountain T-shirts as prizes for a children's race or event. NCC to help with an activity for kids. Ruth to contact Farm and Forest school. \$5 from each runner's registration to go to NCC for trail maintenance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 20, 2019.** Debbie moved, 2nd by Laura to approve minutes. All in favor.
- V. DISCUSSION**
- a. Town Forest Stewardship Plan: We need to decide how the public forum, to be presented with assistance of Arrowwood Environmental will be structured. Forum to occur in August-September. Russ and Joe to work with consultant to present plan to Select Board and public.
- b. Emerald Ash Borer grant: Ruth and Russ collaborated on EAB grant request from state and were awarded \$2,000 for a survey of ash trees in school and town forests, cemeteries, Northfield Falls and along a sample of back roads. They will coordinate the implementation of this survey. Another public training may be offered and next week is EAB awareness week.
- c. AVCC grant: \$500 was awarded to replace/update signage in the town forest. Kudos to Ruth for getting this grant. Idea to ask Girl Scouts to create signs was offered.
- d. Better Connections grant: RFP for consultants happening currently. Discussion on some needs; bike racks in town, coordination with Berlin for land use.
- e. Water Quality Reclassification Project letter of support: Ruth moved, 2nd by John, to authorize Laura to send a letter of support and interest to RPC. Motion passed.
- f. Water St. River Park management: NCC supports the creation of a committee of community members to assist the town in management of this flood plain restoration site. Russ to be the NCC representative on this committee. It was agreed that signage is needed to explain the functioning of this unique site, as it is more than just a park and should be managed accordingly.
- g. Northfield Town Plan: NCC members should review the portion of the town plan relating to the conservation commission. Town plan available on line at town website. Send comments to Laura.
- h. Russ reminded everyone of the Winooski conservation district workshop on water quality training for conservation commissions this Saturday. He will attend.
- i. Officer Elections: Ruth proposed, 2nd by John, a slate of officers as follows: Chair: Debbie Zuaro, Vice-Chair: Russ Barrett, Treasurer: Laura Hill-Eubanks, Secretary duties to be rotating amongst members. Motion was unanimously approved.
- j. Topic for next agenda: trail maintenance proposal from area runners and riders group.
- k. Next meeting June 9th or 16th at 3:00 with a social hour possibly at Good Measure.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: Russ adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**