

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Sunday June 9, 2019

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Debbie, Russ, Ruth, Laura, Joe
- II. **SET/ADJUST AGENDA:** Debbie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 15, 2019.** Ruth moved, 2nd by Joe to approve minutes. All in favor.
- V. **DISCUSSION**
 - a. **AVCC Grant:** \$500 grant could be used for new and/or replacement signs and/or kiosk for town forest. Some replacement signs could also be covered through remaining Eagle Scout project funds. Ruth will contact Leslie to get information about having signs made.
 - b. **Emerald Ash Borer:** Russ will coordinate use of software for ash trees though WNRCD grant. Select Board will need to decide if ash trees on Depot Square will be treated or removed. Debbie and Russ will raise this issue. The possibility of planting two new (non-ash) trees next to the fire station was also discussed.
 - c. **Dog River Park Committee:** A committee is being established to address public education, vegetation management, and invasive species management at the park. NCC will consider publishing an article on the park's conservation and management purposes.
 - d. **Water Quality Reclassification Project letter of support.** Laura moved to send the letter of support and interest to RPC, second by Debbie. All in favor.
 - e. **Paine Mountain Trail Status:** NCC will provide guidance to groups maintaining trails.
 - f. **Town Forest Stewardship Committee:** The committee must approve trail maintenance activities. Russ will be the POC for approval. The committee would also like to have a survey of the official Town Forest boundary.
 - g. **NCC Logo:** Debbie's daughter, Carolyn, will consider designing NCC logo.
 - h. **Night on the Crescent June 18th:** NCC will not participate this year due to numerous other ongoing activities and commitments.
 - i. **Goals for the year:** 1. Complete EAB survey; 2. Finalize Town Forest Plan; 3. Implement AVCC Grant; 4. Adopt stream reclassification; 5. Host at least one summer hike in the town forest; 6. Host symposium on the Dog River
 - j. **Other business:** The group discussed benefits of riparian buffers.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.