

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Attending were Russ Barrett, Joe Dalrymple, Laura Hill-Eubanks, Ruth Ruttenberg. Absent were Pam Knox, Nathaniel Miller, John Sears
- II. **SET/ADJUST AGENDA**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):** Lydia Petty or representative to report on trail work on Paine Mountain
- Lydia reported on trail work done and the need for additional work, especially water bars. Russ will work with the trail work group on coordinating their ideas with NCC responsibilities. There may be need for a 4-wheeler or horse to move some equipment. There are some issues with a mountain bike group that are doing their own work without coordination.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 9th, 2019: approved unanimously with motion from Laura and second from Debbie.
- V. **DISCUSSION**
- a. **Paine Mountain Trail Run:** Lydia briefed the Commission. The day was a big success with about 80 runners, only 2 from Northfield. About 17 did the full marathon, all the way to Berlin. Many went into town afterwards for meals. There were about 20 children who did the 1k race. All children got prizes of T-shirts or socks. Many families came for the Story Walk sponsored by the Library and the craft activity sponsored by Drift Farmstead and Misse Axelrod. There are plans for next year, hopefully also adding music. It was a festive atmosphere. Lydia and Debbie will try to find some one to write an article about it.
- b. **EAB updates: survey, education, etc.:** Russ : Russ and Ruth attended training at ANR on how to use the iPad program for the EAB survey. We have the computers until September 11 and we have one other volunteer and 2 paid surveyors. Debbie and Russ will brief the Selectboard on August 13. We will need help from the RPC for maps toward the end.
- c. **Signage needs: where are we at:** Ruth: Leslie has no records. Ruth will contact Laurie Barroffio in the town office to see if she has invoice records from previous sign orders. Ruth will coordinate with Laura Ranker, as there is some follow-up signage work and orders related to Nathan Ranker's Eagle Scout project.
- d. **Dog River Park Committee:** Laura and Russ: The committee is doing good work and there will be a celebration at the park next week by the Class of '57. Attorney Popowski is in charge of the funds that will come through the Library. Requests for funds will be made through the Selectboard.
- e. **NCC Logo:** Carolyn Zuaro provided a possible logo. Members hoped for a mountain, stream and animals as well. Discussion will be on-going.
- f. **Town Forest Plan and Forum Planning:** brainstorming session: We hope for a September 25 town forum, with Arrowwood. We need also to check right-of-ways to the town forest if we want to pursue planned logging.
- g. **Hike and happy hour, Saturday, July 20:** Laura will put another notice on FPF and tell people to check Facebook if the weather is questionable.
- h. **Education forum on the Dog River:** Probably to be in the spring -- on wetlands, the new hatchery work (Corina Parneppy) (Ned Swanberg on the river more generally), trout fishing, Dog River Park, and other related issues. To discuss the state of the river and how it has come back since Tropical Storm Irene. To coordinate with Berlin, Roxbury, and Montpelier.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Laura; seconded by Russ.