

# NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of August 21, 2019

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Attending were Russ Barrett, Laura Hill-Eubanks, Ruth Ruttenberg, John Sears, Deborah Zuaro
- II. **SET/ADJUST AGENDA**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):** Devin Krevetski stopped by to inform the NCC that water bars near the rock garden were cleaned out. Devin and others would like to install more to further control water on the trail. Ruth moved, 2nd by Russ to sanction the trails group to add more water bars. Unanimous.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 17th, 2019: approved unanimously with motion from Laura and second from Debbie.
- V. **DISCUSSION**
  - **Emerald Ash borer updates:** Russ is leading a team of 4 people. Conducting the survey they have catalogued more than a thousand trees, emulating work done in Berlin and Montpelier. Using state tablets they have been collecting data for the state. A report on findings will be given to the Select Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August by Russ.
  - **Town Forest Stewardship Plan:** Minor edits to make it more consistent with the town plan. Motion to approve was passed unanimously. Final Draft needed
  - **Presentation on Town Forest Plan:** Horseback riding to be removed. Work needed to clarify distinction between swamps and Vernal Pools. Assignments were doled out to fill in blank slides. Permitting slide was removed. John took history, Russ took challenges, Debbie took Goals, & Ruth was given conclusions. Laura took stewardship. Public meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> of September 7-8:30 at Library.
  - **Signage needs:** boundary markers needed, surveyors not needed, Russ can find boundaries. Interest was expressed in 2 signs along the trail showing hiker location as well as 5 entrance signs. Laura will figure out how much money we have to support signage.
  - **Better Connections Grant:** Parking for town forest was brought up, movement will come after RFP has been resolved.
  - **Town plan:** Motion to endorse the resource protection section of the town plan, moved by Ruth, 2nd by Debbie, unanimous vote.
  - **Solar farm** is going up on Bone Hill. Rt 12 near Lovers Lane.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by John; seconded by Deborah. Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Draft minutes by John Sears 8/21/19