

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of May 27, 2020

- I. Russ, Ruth, John, Debbie, Brad present via Go-to-Meeting. Called to order at 6:00 p.m.**
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the 4-29-20 meeting were approved unanimously; motion by Ruth, 2nd by Brad.
- IV. DISCUSSION**
 - a. Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District training for identification of clean water projects was to take place at the June 17th meeting. ***We were asked if our July meeting date, 7-15-20 would work for this training and have rescheduled it to this date.
 - b. Rotary has approved our request to plant replacement trees for some of those we will lose to EAB. We will work with a local nursery if possible. Goal is to plant 7-8 trees.
 - c. Membership: We have 5 members currently. The group would consider adding members if people are interested. Members discussed approaching people to serve on the Town Forest Stewardship Sub-committee.
 - d. Brad and Russ will put up boundary markers and the “Welcome” signs in the town forest. The “you are here” signs are on order and will be installed at a later date.
 - e. The Better Connections grant Debbie is involved with has identified the need for trailhead(s) for the town forest. Initial discussion focused on the need for parking near Byam Road; difficult to purchase land without a grant and hard to get grants without a conservation easement on the town forest. Debbie will look into whether grants are available. Perhaps presenting a specific proposal to select board outlining how this could work would be an effective strategy.
 - f. Emerald Ash Borer: Russ has 2 “purple traps” for EAB that will be deployed in likely areas for this pest. Brad offered to help place the traps. We should publicize our use of these traps. Follow up for grant: Debbie to contact Jeff to discuss process for road crew removal of trees.
- V. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 6:40.**