

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of July 22, 2020

I. ROLL CALL: Brad, John, Russ, Deb

II. SET/ADJUST AGENDA: Report from Russ added to agenda

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 24, 2020 minutes were approved on a motion by Russ, 2nd by John. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION:

1. A motion was made by Russ, 2nd by Brad recommending that Lydia Petty, Colin Bright, Nelson Hoffman and Mike Gonneville be appointed to the Town Forest Stewardship sub-committee by the Select Board. All were in favor. NCC members Russ, Brad & John will represent NCC on this subcommittee. As this is a subcommittee of the NCC, meetings will need to be warned to comply with the State's open meeting law. Debbie will send a memo to the town manager and Select Board. We anticipate holding an organizational meeting of this group in early to mid August.
2. Emerald Ash Borer Plan: A copy of our town EAB plan and the grant currently underway are available to NCC members on the NCC google drive. Debbie will send a copy of the grant to Russ and John. We need to reconstitute the steering committee specified in the grant to meet with Jeff and Trent. Brad and Russ have expressed interest in working on this. EAB awareness week will be held in Sept.
3. Russ updated the group about several activities he is involved in: boundary marking in the town forest is going well with 11-12,000 feet completed and 18-20,000 feet left to mark. "You are Here" signs have been posted. A donation to NCC to fund a new roof for the Hawk watch lean-to is a possibility. Treeworks in Montpelier will do the inoculations for Ash trees on the Common.

VI. **6:00 p.m. Winooski NRCD** conducted a "Water Quality Projects Identification" training via Zoom meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The regular portion of the NCC meeting was adjourned at 5:57 on motion of Russ, 2nd by Brad. Unanimous.