

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 13, 2023
Dog River Park Pavilion, 5:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
- III. Approval of Minutes (August)
 - a. Russ motioned, Simon seconded, passed 4-0-0
- IV. Discussion
 - a. Maintenance Plan
 - 1. The conservation commission is willing to support this plan. It will be posted on the town website. The conservation commission will advocate for this plan to be funded during the town's annual budgeting meetings.
 - b. Paths
 - 1. The town signed a contract for Gillespie to perform path maintenance. The work will begin in spring.
 - c. Knotweed Clean-up
 - 1. A group of local citizens join the Dog River Park Committee from 8-10am on Saturday, August 12 to collect knotweed rhizomes from the debris that was deposited in the park during the July 10, 2023, flood. This group was able to reduce knotweed in half of the park.
 - 2. A group of 26 students from Norwich University dedicated two hours on the week of Sept 11. They worked to clear the other half of the park.

3. The knotweed that was cleared was deposited in a drying pile at the corner of Water Street and Summer Street. The knotweed will remain in this location for surveillance until it has dried out and died. This is expected to take a minimum of one year.

d. Swing

1. Several options will be presented to the town, including poly wood and a more industrial option.

e. Member updates

1. A new bench was placed in the park without the consent of this committee. The town manager will be informed and the bench will have to be removed if the owner does not retrieve it.

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment