

Northfield Open Space Committee
Thursday, August 24, 2023 – Town Hall

Present: Matt Diluzio, Chair; Sarah Kerns, Joanne McGee, Bob Perlman

Absent: Sue Space

Items in italics are due by the next meeting.

1. Minutes: Minutes postponed due to problems with posting the agenda.
2. Invasive plant control: A giant hogweed is growing at the side of the library trail in the Mill Brook wetlands. The toxic sap of the extremely poisonous plant can cause blindness. Sarah showed pictures of the hogweed and said the state has a reporting structure for the plant. Because of the widespread invasives on the remainder of the Mill Brook property, Joanne suggested that Sarah contact the Division of Ecological Restoration at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. *Sarah will notify the Open Space Committee of an inspection date.*
3. Future of OS committee: It is time to discuss the goals and action steps of the OSRP – 21. *Matt would like committee members to review the action steps to discuss at the next meeting.*
4. Member comments: Sarah reports that the Conservation Committee is working to revitalize the Stewardship Advisory Committee and hopes to work with the OS committee. Sarah is making a spreadsheet of town lands to organize monitoring. *Joanne will be leading the Calvin Swan walk on Aug 26 with Matt continuing the walk with a hike up Brush Mt.*
5. Next meeting: *Matt will email members about a date for the next meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne McGee, Secretary

