

Northfield Community Park Committee Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2016
7pm, Town Hall

Present: Robin Conley, Kate Rossiter, Mindy Nadolski, Kathy Coutu
Absent: Julia Blyth, Joseph Stacy, Cynthia Mead, Gwen Trelle

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Robin Conley

1. Approved the agenda with changes. Robin/Kate 4-0-0

2. Review/Approve Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were accepted as presented. Mindy/Gwen 4-0-0

3. Member Comments

Robin expressed disappointment about not having land for park yet. She also shared summary of Schell Bridge Project. See next item.

4. Stan Rosenberg's Presentation at the Schell Bridge Meeting

The project is still in the early design phase and will work with the town. Design will be chosen in Spring 2017, then will move into Project Phase which is when we can have input on the park associated with the bridge. DCR is designing picnic area on either side of bridge. Working with DCR engineers, the town, and Baystate Greenway Network and Tri-State Bikeway (788 miles of connected bikeway). We should be at Schell Bridge Project update meeting in the spring to make sure project moves ahead.

5. Points of interest from recent meetings

Robin reported that all town committees will now be notified when Chap 61 land becomes available. She also reported that Larry Edge from the National Christian Foundation was at a town zoning bylaw meeting. Jerry will let us know if NCF land moves forward.

The Trust for Public Land is still working with NMH to find buyer for reservoir. If they find a buyer they will then have to find an owner/manager of the 300 acre watershed.

At the next Open Space Committee meeting, Robin would like to request that NMH close the well inspection on the old laundry facility site. Kathy/Kate 4-0-0.

6. Park Committee Meeting Schedule

We discussed switching our meeting schedule to every other month until we have land to work with. Our next meeting will be Jan 9. Kathy/Mindy 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 Gwen/Kathy 4-0-0

*Accepted 4-1 on Jan 9, 2017
Robin Conley, Chair*