

# Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes, April 18, 2017

Town Hall – Land Use Room

Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Joanne McGee, Jerry Wagener, Chair.

Absent: Mike Barry, Bob Hall, Sue Ross, Kate Rossiter

The meeting opened at 7:35.

1. Minutes for September and October were signed.

2. Member comments:

Jerry's son sent a photo to Jerry of the Palmetto, SC, bike trail with a bridge missing a few planks. The SC rail trail uses pine needles between the rail road ties. Jerry estimates that Massachusetts owns 3400 acres in Northfield and receives \$45,558 from the state on the Cherry Sheet. He is investigating values of Ch. 61 land.

Joanne reports that there will be a work day at the Ames trail Friday, April 21, led by Fletcher at Mount Grace. Julia has signed up for the work party.

Robin reports that the Park Committee is looking at Ch. 61 parcels.

3. Stewardship Nominations: Several names were submitted. Committee will discuss in May due to lack of a quorum tonight.

4. Prioritizing Chapter 61 properties: The committee discussed Jerry's initial recommendations using his maps and maps from Tryst for Public Lands. The committee will continue discussions in May. Joanne assembled a larger version of Jerry's map; she will try to have copies made at Staples. Joanne will talk with Jay Rasku at Mount Grace.

5. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16. The committee discussed possible summer schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary

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| TPL   | Trust for Public Land                     |
| NMH   | Northfield Mount Hermon School            |
| DEP   | Department of Environmental Protection    |
| DCR   | Department of Conservation and Recreation |
| FRCOG | Franklin Regional Council of Governments  |
| DFW   | Division of Fisheries and Wildlife        |