

# Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes, June 20, 2017

Town Hall – Land Use Room

*Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.*

**Present:** Mike Barry, Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Joanne McGee, Sue Ross, Jerry Wagener, Chair.

**Absent:** Bob Hall, Sue Ross, Kate Rossiter

The meeting opened at 7:35.

At the start of the meeting Jerry announced that Sandra, the Town Secretary, said that a quorum is a majority of the number of members on a committee whether those seats have been filled or not. So, the quorum of a committee of nine people is five people.

1. Minutes: The minutes for November 11, 2016, March 21, 2017, and April 18, 2017 were approved with minor corrections.

2. 2016 Stewardship Award: The committee voted to award the 2016 Stewardship Award to John Lepore who developed a ecological land use plan for the PVRs locale. A former science teacher at PVRA, he is a restoration ecologist and designer. *Jerry will contact John to arrange the award presentation.* John's website is [future-lands.com](http://future-lands.com)

3. Member comments:

**Robin** said that John Lepore is leading a workshop in identification and removal of Japanese stiltgrass, a voracious invasive that emerges in late July to invade beaver ponds and wetlands. *Robin will organize the workshop with John and email Joanne with details. Joanne will publicize the event in "Next Door".*

**Julia** announced that Kinder Morgan has sent out "feelers" to solicit market proposals for possible projects. Julia is representing the town at the relicensing meetings with First Light.

**Jerry** talked with Bob MacComber who said that NMH is not doing anything at the moment about the East Northfield Water District. Jerry and Bob will meet again in September. A potential OSC meeting with J. T. Horn has been postponed. The Schell Bridge Advisory Committee tallied the bridge design votes. # 3, #1, and #6 drew the most votes.

4. Appointments:

Robin was voted as the Open Space Representative to the CPA committee.

Robin was voted as the OS representative to the Community Park Committee.

Julia was voted as the OS representative to the Community Park Committee.

Robin was listed as appointed by the SB to the Community Park Committee - she will be switched to the OS rep.

5. Chapter 61 priorities:

The committee continued its work on prioritizing Ch. 61 parcels. There was discussion about the detail level of the presentation of final choices. *Joanne will bring maps and data about the NET to the next meeting and will talk with Sarah Wells at Mount Grace about attending the next discussion.* The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee  
Secretary

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
MGLCT	Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust
RC	Recreation Commission
OSC	Open Space Committee

Robin K Conley  
J. L. Waggoner