

# Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes - Nov. 21, 2017 7:30 pm

Town Hall – Land Use Room

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

**Present:** Rich Fitzgerald, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jerry Wagener, Chair.

**Absent:** Mike Barry, Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Bill Copeland.

1. **Minutes** of October 17, 2017, were approved. Joanne/Sue 4-0
2. **Sam and Barbara Richardson** will come to the January meeting to discuss the future of the third Sunday walks.
3. **PVRS stewardship letter:** The committee approved the draft version of the letter to support the implementation of John Lepore's Pioneering Stewardship Plan. *Jerry will send the letter to the PVRSD Superintendent, PVRS Principal, and the PVRSD Committee.*
4. **2017 stewardship award nominees:** After some discussion, the committee voted to award the 2017 Stewardship Award to Andrew Vernon. Rich/Sue 4-0. Andrew is chair of the Greater Northfield Watershed Association, a member of the Stewardship Advisory Committee for the Conservation Committee, and active in the Connecticut River Conservancy. He does river water sampling and monitors conservation restrictions for the Stewardship committee. *Joanne will send copies of the criteria for the award to Sue and Rich. Jerry will contact the Selectboard to plan a Jan. 9 award ceremony.*
5. **Member comments:** Jerry – Amanda Lewis, DCR Trials guru, will attend our December meeting to present the new and refurbished trails in the new section of the Northfield State Forest (formerly NMF forestland). *Jerry will email all those at the earlier meeting last spring.* Joanne attended the Freedom Chair beta test day at the Ames Accessible trail. Marcy Marcello brought freedom chairs used by DCR programmers to test the new trail.
6. **Adjournment** at 8:30 p.m. The **next meeting** is December 19, 2017, probably in the larger meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanne McGee*  
Joanne McGee, Secretary

*Julia Blyth S. Space*  
*- Robin Conley*  
*J. H. Wagener*

MGLCT	Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust
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
CPC	Community Preservation Committee
CPA	Community Preservation Act