

Northfield Open Space Committee
Minutes, May 15, 2018
Town Hall – Land Use Room

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Rich Fitzgerald, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jerry Wagener
Absent: Mike Barry, Bill Copeland

The meeting opened at 7:37.

1. The April 17, 2018, minutes were approved. Julia/Robin 4-0-2.

1. Ames trail update: The consensus is that beavers created the voids. Julia installed 2/3 of the decking. Final work will include kiosk and sign installation. *Joanne will put a notice in Next Door for workers.*

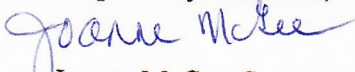
1. Millbrook trail update: Rob Hendry's trail work project will be June 16. According to Joan Deely of Polatin Ecological Services (via Julia) invasive removal work begins with a site visit and assessment to develop costs and work plan. There is no charge for this initial visit. A typical work plan might be a multi-prong approach depending on the type of invasive with follow up annual visits. The cost might be \$20,000 (+/-) but would be lower if the Snows have an inhouse qualified sprayer. There may be grants available. We would need to talk with the Snows about the invasive removal.

1. Landscape Partnership Conservation: *Robin will approach Paul Fisher. Julia will talk with Amanda Lewis.*

1. Member comments: *Robin mentioned the need for shrub maintenance at the Senior Pavilion. She will talk with the Garden Club. Joanne attended the Stewardship meeting for the NET. Rich will call Peggy Sloan at FRCOG about GIS training. Jerry is continuing his community park conversations about the NMH land with Bob MacComber, Rick Couture and John Alden, facilities and management staff from NMH.*

1. Adjournment at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be June 19, 2018.

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
NET	New England National Scenic Trail
FRCOG	Franklin Regional Council of Governments

