

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes - September 18, 2018

Town Hall – Land Use Room

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.



Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Bill Copeland, Joanne McGee, Sue Space (via Facetime)

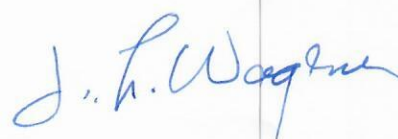
Absent: Mike Barry, Rich Fitzgerald, Jerry Wagener

The meeting opened at 7:35

1. The Aug 7, 2018, minutes were approved. Robin/Bill 4-0
2. Trail updates: No update on completion of trails in the new Northfield State Forest. The Alderbrook Meadow trail looked in good condition after heavy rains, according to Julia. Water samples collected by Bill Copeland at Meadowbrook included salamanders and dragon fly larva. *Bill will talk with Jay about the possibility of using a kayak at Meadowbrook to do some water sampling for a possible article for the GNWA newsletter.*
3. Invasive plant brochure: When the invoice is paid, New England Wildflower Society will presumably send the brochures. Joanne forgot to write an article for the Northfield Newsletter about the availability of the brochure. *She will do it soonest.* As we discussed last month, the brochure will be available at the town hall, library, and high school.
4. Landscape partnership concept: No current update. *Joanne will talk with Sarah.*
5. Member comments: Joanne announced that she, Julia and Sue had attended the early successional landscape habitat outing at the Heyes land in Tully. Robin provided turtle information about the PVRs marshland where the beavers have sprung into action again. Julia is attending the meetings with neighboring towns and FRCOG about the First Light relicensing process. After the current discussions about fish passage and flow amounts over the Turners Falls dam, negotiations and discussion will center on erosion concerns and recreation. At that point, we will need to provide additional input and guidance.
6. Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting will be October 16, 2018.
7. Respectfully submitted,


Joanne McGee, Secretary



CPC	Community Preservation Committee
CPA	Community Preservation Act
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
FOAM	Friends of Alderbrook Meadow
GNWA	Greater Northfield Watershed Association