Northfield Open Space Committee Minutes, November 20, 2018 Town Hall – Land Use Room

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Sue Space (via FaceTime), Jerry Wagener

Absent: Mike Barry, Rich Fitzgerald, Joanne McGee,

The meeting opened at 7:35.

- Adoption of agenda
- 2. Approval of September 18 minutes: This item was passed over.
- <u>Trail updates</u>: Robin reported that she and friend did the red trail in the DCR trail system above the ridge, and went all the way to the top of the mountain. She said it was 2.9 miles (one way) and that it is a delightful hike. However, there is some black knot at the top. Jerry reported that he has done some work on the kiosk on Birnam Road, and that DCR has not yet installed the School Street Kiosk.
- 4. Invasive plants document (Robin Conley): Robin has gotten the documents and is supplying the library, town hall, and plans to start supplying the school as well.
- 5. Report of selectboard meeting on NMH land (Robin Conley): No update at this time.
- 6. FY Budget for Open Space: The committee adopted a budget, together with a five-year capital plan. The FY 2020 budget is proposed to be the same as last year (\$1400) and the capital plan includes \$8000 on FY2020 for update of the OSRP.
- 7. 2018 stewardship award: There were two candidates Rob Hendry and the Snows. Rob Hendry was chosen for his leadership in working on the Mill Brook trail. Regarding the Snow possibility, Jerry will contact Mike Barry to see if there is an update on the ConsCom water issue at the golf course.
- 8. Planning for the 2020 OSRP revision: Nothing other than including \$8000 in the capital plan for this OSRP update.
- 9. Landscape Partnership conservation concept: No update at this time.
- 10. Member comments: Nothing further.
- 11. Other business: None
- 12. Adjourn (next meeting December 18): Adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Wagener.

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