

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes

April 16, 2019

Town Hall – Land Use Room

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Robin Conley, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jerry Wagener, Chair.

The meeting opened at 7:30.

1. Minutes: The minutes of March 19, 2019, were approved. 4 – 0
2. Trail updates: Robin is offering to share her top-of-the-line brush cutter for open space trail work. It is a 4-cycle machine that hangs on a harness from the shoulders. *Jerry will take a chain saw up King Philip's Hill to deal with a fallen tree.* No word from Amanda about the State Forest trails on the NMH ridge.
3. Hudson Valley Renewable Energy: Rich is not here so postponed.
4. Landscape Partnership Conservation Concept: Jerry and Joanne talked with Sarah Wells from Mount Grace about conservation possibilities. Since the largest landowner is not interested in conservation at this time, we will be postponing this conservation idea.
5. Member comments: **Joanne** will be attending the Open Space Conference at Wachusett State College April 27. She also reminded us that lady slippers will appear at Alderbrook soon. *She will contact Mindy Nadolski about signing up for a time to "inspect" the trail.*
Jerry reminded the committee about the volunteer day at Alderbrook on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers will install the bike rack and cut down a large tree.
Robin described changes in leadership positions at the Park Committee. Joe Stacy is now the chair. They are looking at private parcels for fields. Bob Emberly is offering the old gas station plot on Main street for a picnic/rest stop/ welcome center. The invasive plant brochures are "selling" well.
6. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary



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| 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 |