

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes

Dec. 3, 2019

Town Hall – Room 6

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Arthur Davis, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jenny Tufts, Jerry Wagener.

Guest: Bill Copeland

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes for Nov. 19, 2019, were approved. Robin/Sue

OSRP Survey: The committee voted to use the 8.5 x 11 flat format for mailing the survey via “every door direct mail” (EDDM), the post office’s least expensive, but most restrictive option. We will need at least one sticky on each mailing. The cost will be about \$500. *Jerry will investigate some color on the cover sheet along with slightly heavier paper stock for the cover.* Using the envelope option would cost about \$800, money which we might need to print more trail brochures. Julia sent out a link to test the survey on Google Forms. Because of format restrictions, *Jerry will redo #5 to conform to #6.*

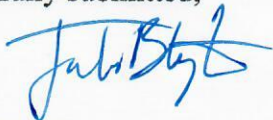
OSRP maps: The committee reviewed five draft maps provided by FRCOG: Regional, Water Resources, Soils & Environmental Constraints, Open Space, and Scenic & Unique Environments. Committee members added comments to the maps.

OSRP Survey revision: Bill Copeland presented his version of a portion of the forestry management section of Section 4. *He will email his comments to the rest of the committee for discussion.* The committee felt that forest management issues would be a useful addition to Action Items at the end of the revision.

Trail updates: Julia spotted No Trespassing signs just south of Brush Mt. Conservation Area across the old M&M trail placed there apparently by the new owner. The Stewardship Committee which manages town conservation land is aware of the problem. Robin reported a tree down across Hobo Falls Trail. According to the record, Mount Grace monitors that trail but we hope to get someone up there with a chainsaw when the snow melts. Julia discussed concerns with Amanda about the reluctance of volunteers to sign the state liability form.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne McGee

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 & Wildlife