

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes

May 5, 2020 - ZOOM Meeting

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

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

Absent: Arthur Davis

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

1. The February 18, 2020, minutes were approved. Jenny/Sue
2. 2019 Stewardship Award: Julia displayed the engraved plaque which hangs in the Town Hall. She has talked with Jay Loubris, the 2019 awardee. The presentation will take place later in the year.
3. Budget: There are unknowns about budget amounts and timing for the Town Meeting. If the town does not pass a budget by the end of the fiscal year, the town will revert to monthly spending identical to last year – 1/12th per month.
4. Trails brochure: Nearing the end of the project, Jerry requested additional input. Joanne has used the last individual trail brochures for the Brush Mt. trailhead trails. Since there is still some question about the new state forest trails, *Jerry is reluctant to print the town-wide trail booklet but will contact Lotus about costs to print individual trail flyers.*
5. Northfield State Forest Trail work: Julia says that the mountain bike people will not sign the volunteer service agreement proposed by DCR. She suggests a simpler agreement to do the short-term trail fix, leaving out the Yellow trail. Julia is talking with Amanda about these issues.
6. Calvin Swan project at Brush Mt.: Joanne applied and received approval from the Community Preservation Committee for a grant of \$1290 to repair erosion from well, refurbish the cellar hole area, and apply geo-textile material to repair the large muddy seepage area. *North Quabbin trail Stewards will do this work as soon as the grant is approved at Town Meeting.*
7. King Philip Hill: The Stewardship Advisory Committee is working on the rerouting of the trail that goes off-property.
8. Survey results: The committee discussed the results of the survey and thanked Julia for the professional presentation of the data. *Committee members will review results and propose potential action steps by the next meeting.*
9. ZOOM difficulties: *Sue will work with Robin to resolve her difficulties with the ZOOM connection. Thanks, Sue.*
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne McGee, Secretary