

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes

Sept 29, 2020 – Alderbrook Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

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

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

Members discussed sending a letter to support the 25% design of the Schell Bridge to Mass DOT. Jerry suggested adding a sentence about the importance of connecting walking and biking trails on the east and west side of the river into the draft letter. The committee also discussed a possible trail between the bridge and the Pauchaug boat ramp. Joanne made a motion to send the letter with the addition. Jerry seconded. Passed 5-0. *Julia will send the letter to the Department of Transportation, the consultants WSP, and the Northfield Selectboard.*

Joanne expressed interest in the committee pursuing bridge work on the Mill Brook trails behind the library, and she plans investigate some grant possibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Julia/ Jenny. 5-0

After the meeting, some members stayed to pull invasive Glossy Buckthorn and Oriental Bittersweet from along the trail.