

Northfield Open Space Committee

March 16, 2023 Town Hall

Present: Robin Conley, Matt Diluzio, Joanne McGee, Sue Space

Absent: Julia Blyth

Matt opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

1. Adoption of agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.
2. Minutes: Approval of the February minutes was postponed until the April meeting.
3. Citizen Stewardship Award: Matt will present the Citizen Stewardship Award to Cooper Bullock at the March 21 Selectboard meeting. Cooper, a senior at Pioneer Valley Regional High School, organized the Pioneer Land Stewardship Club, an outdoor volunteer group to work on the trails around PVRs. Matt will present the plaque which hangs permanently in the Town Hall Lobby.
4. Flyers, maps, kiosks, etc: Joanne picked up the print job from Lotus Graphics, installed the new maps, and will stock the kiosks when snow clears. Sue will refill the kiosks at Mill brook and King Philips Hill; Joanne will fill the slots at Brush Mt.
5. Calvin Swan sign: Joanne is working with Mary King from the Northfield Historical Commission and with Julia to tweak the wording.
6. Conservation Commission: Robin announced that, after five months, the Mill Brook wetlands have finally been delineated with the assistance of David Cameron, retired from the DEP. The Con Com will hold the next hearing to accept the delineations. The Con Com is also reinvigorating the Stewardship Advisory Committee and hopes for better communication between committees. John Lepore presented long range plans for clearing seven acres between Northfield Elementary School and the railroad for trails.
7. Annual report: The committee voted to accept the annual report as revised. Joanne/Robin 4 – 0.
8. Member comments:
 - Joanne announced that the Northfield Bird Club is planning a meeting at the library about beavers on April 28 with a walk the next day at Alderbrook.
 - Matt announced that the late snow is a positive for mushrooms which need moisture.
9. Next meeting: The committee will meet on Thursday, April 20, but will try to work out a different date to avoid Garden Club meetings.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne McGee, Secretary

