

Northfield Open Space Committee
Minutes - Aug 1, 2017
Town Hall – Land Use Room

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Julia Blyth, Rich Fitzgerald, Joanne McGee, Susan Space, Jerry Wagener, Chair.
Absent: Mike Barry, Robin Conley

The meeting opened at 7:30.

Jerry announced membership changes. Sue Ross and Kate Rossiter resigned. Susan Space is a new member. Rich Fitzgerald will be the representative from the Planning Board, replacing Bob Hall.

1. Minutes of June 6, 2017 were approved.

2. Member comments:

Jerry outlined work on the Ames accessible trail. Last Friday he met with Jay Rasku and Fletcher Harrington from MGLCT along with Dick O'Brien, an accessible trail consultant. Dick felt that the stone dust was too fine. Stone dust up to 3/8" which includes both fine and particulates works well because rain will tamp down the fine dust leaving a firm surface. Since the trail is too close to the pond, at the desired location, to accommodate the viewing platform separate from the trail, Jay and Fletcher will probably design the trail as part of the platform. The grant expires in December.

Joanne asked if anyone had heard about illegal trucks and padlock damage at Jere Nelson's property. Someone marked trees for logging.

Jerry has been emailing Amanda Lewis about the work at the DCR NMH ridge project. Amanda has asked Jerry to build the kiosks. Crews worked this summer but we are unsure if the trails are completed. The committee felt that we needed a public announcement.

3. Ch. 61 conservation priorities:

The committee discussed the latest draft. *Joanne will check on the accuracy of a parcel along the NET.* The committee voted to submit the latest draft version to the town administrator.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne McGee, Secretary

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| MGLCT | Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust |
| 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 |

