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Northfield Open Space Minutes
October 5, 2021

Meeting in Library parking lot.

Present: Julia Blyth (Chair), Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jenny Tufts, Jerry Wagener

Absent: Robin Conley

1. **Minutes:** The minutes for July 20, 2021, were approved. Jenny/Jerry 4-0
The minutes for August 24, 2021, were approved. Jenny/Joanne 4 – 0
2. **Mill Brook:** Julia and Marie Boisvert pulled out the sunken wood pieces from the old bridge. Since the pieces were too heavy to move, Shirley Keech will bring her truck to help move them to shore. Julia needs people to transfer them to use for the boggy sections of the trail near the Chateau steps. The next workday is Oct. 11, from 9 to noon. Workers will dig out and reroute the steep areas at School St. and at the end of Vista Trail, clear a view on the Jungle Trail, and do invasive work. Still to be done are signs and an updated map. Joanne will get trail names to Jerry who will also work on a GPS map.
Also noted: Jerry discovered tire tracks near the story area. Julia will contact Sewer Commission. Members discussed possibility of a new bridge near the pond, steps at the small bridges, and a railing on one side of the new marsh bridge. Sue suggested native plants, such as dogwood or ferns, to fill the empty space left from invasive renewal.
3. **First Light:** Settlement negotiations are re-opened and are now emphasizing recreation. Bee Jacque and Andrea Llamas are attending settlement meetings. There is a potential for a better outcome if all parties agree and submit a comprehensive recreation package.
4. **Solar:** When Julia met with the Planning Board, she summarized our letter and felt the PB was generally in favor of new bylaws. However, nothing can be done in time for a fall Town Meeting, and a moratorium is unlikely to be approved by the Attorney General, according to Peggy Sloan from FRCOG. A DLTC grant may be used for solar bylaw help for regional towns.
5. **Meeting shift:** It was decided that we would change to meet on the third Thursday to allow Julia more business days to get the agenda to the Town Hall. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021, probably by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary