

Northfield Community Park Committee Meeting

~~July~~ Minutes

October 3, 2016

7 P.M. Town Hall

PRESENT: Joseph Stacy, Cynthia Mead, Gwen Trelle, Robin Conley, Kathy Coutu
ABSENT: Mindy Nadolski, Julia Blyth, Kate Rossiter

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Robin Conley.

The September meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected: In paragraph 3, the summer forum was canceled due to scheduling difficulties. In paragraph 4, Brian told Bridget Hammond, Director of the Recreation Commission, and Robin that a representative was not required for the Park Committee. Robin will still try to contact Theresa Quinn Tsipenyuk, Chair of the Rec Comm. The September meeting minutes were accepted as amended. Gwen/Cynthia 5-0.

The discussion centered around whether a parcel of land on East Northfield Road could be a possibility to be developed IF- N.C.F. wished to pursue this venture. It was unclear what the cost would be. It was noted that a parcel of land called Thompson's Farm, on the other side of the bridge in West Northfield, is for sale for \$170,000.

Stan Rosenberg will update the town regarding the Schell Bridge project on October 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM at NES. We want to know what resources could be utilized. Do they have a plan for restrooms and picnic areas? Who do we contact to work with our committee regarding the development of these areas? Also who is the contact person who would work with us on the plan for the bike way?

Robin reported on the Open Space Committee's September meeting. DCR now owns the Northfield Forest which now links protected land from the Quabbin to Mt. Cardigan in NH. DCR is doing an initial trail mapping of this newly acquired 1,300 acres with a goal date of March 2017.

Ideas for the priority list is still too early to put out to the public.

Next meeting is Monday, November 7 at 7 PM. We will discuss whether or not the committee will take off December and January. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. Gwen/Cynthia.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Coutu

Unanimously accepted 11.7.16 RKC