

Northfield Community Park Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018, 7pm, Town Hall

Present: Robin Conley, Gwen Trelle, Kate Pontius, Kathy Coutu, Julia Blythe
Guest: Jerry Wagener

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Robin Conley

1. Adopt Agenda

Agenda was amended.

2. Discuss park land update

The Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) Board of Directors has decided to sell the "River Lot" and are seeking letters from interested parties by the end of October. They want to sell it on an "as is, where is" basis. According to their letter, the new owner assumes responsibility for the landfill portion, including post closure repair, maintenance and monitoring.

Bernie is gathering information, including research done by the Community Park Committee, to help move negotiations forward.

In response to NMH's notice of intent to sell the River Lot, the Community Park Committee established the following vision for our park:

- Large, flat land near the Schell Bridge;
- Connected to the Bikeway;
- Ability to situate playing fields and play structures;
- Drainage of playing fields should be tested before the Town commits;
- The Town Park Committee is looking forward to working with other Town and State entities to make this vision an asset to the whole community; and
- This Committee was formed as a result of both the Town's Master Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

To engage the Northfield Selectboard in the process, we discussed attending the October 16 meeting.

3. Review/approve minutes of previous meeting

Updated March meeting minutes were approved. Julia/Kathy 5-0-0

April minutes were approved. Kathy/Gwen 5-0-0

Our next meeting is October 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17. Kathy/Julia 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted, Kate Pontius

Accepted 10-1 4/4 Oct 1, 2018 Robin Conley