

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING JULY 20, 2022 MINUTES

Present: Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Tori Luksha
Absent: Mike Barry, Bill Llewelyn

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. An adjusted agenda was accepted.

The people requesting **mitigation of Japanese knotweed** were not able to attend but did send an Email. We discussed how to proceed. The applicants do not need to be physically present but do need to submit an RDA detailing the plans and scope of the work which we then can review and vote on as a public hearing at our next meeting. Charlie said abutters should be notified.

FRCOG sent us a document, **Shared Municipal Conservation Agent Feasibility Study**, which we discussed. We agreed that our primary interest is a Wetlands Specialist but would also welcome a Clerk to assist with filings and maintenance of documents. Motion made (Robin/Tori) and carried to respond as discussed. Charlie said a copy of our response and the FRCOG document should to be submitted to Selectboard.

Carter Wall, FirstLight Gov't Affairs & Community Relations Mgr, spoke with Robin regarding ConsCom's request that they manage out-of-control bittersweet on their land. **FirstLight is willing to host a public educational forum on the removal of bittersweet in mid-September**, and Ms. Wall will schedule an on-site visit soon to plan the forum. We discussed what paperwork needs to be submitted.

We again reviewed the **uphill access road Eversource cut** about three years ago. The road is situated **off Warwick Road** and is owned by Mt. Grace with conservation restrictions. Attached is Mike Barry's letter to Mt. Grace. Charlie recommended that at our next meeting we write a letter to DEP stating our dissatisfaction with the restoration work.

Charlie will try to stop by the **Santana property** to see if trees were replanted as mandated in the Order of Conditions. ConsCom did not receive any notification that work had begun.

Northfield's IT has set us up with a **town-based Email** and Robin will get trained soon.

May 18 minutes were approved as written. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

July minutes approved 8/17/22 as written. Electronically submitted 8/23 to Town Clerk. RC