

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING DEC 16, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Chair; Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley

Guest: Julia Blyth

Bill called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:35 PM. The order of the agenda was changed to accommodate Julia Blyth, Chair of Open Space Cmte.

Bill contacted New England Environmental from Amherst, and on Dec.15 an engineer began the wetlands delineation behind the proposed fire station. NE Environmental sent an estimate of \$3,900 to the Northfield Fire Dept c/o David Quinn. Julia shared the plans to date for the restoration of the **MILL BROOK TRAIL** include replacing the snow mobile bridge and two smaller foot bridges that are rotting. The Open Space Committee (OSC) plans to pursue a Massachusetts Recreational Trail Grant which has an application deadline of Feb.1, and a letter of support from ConsComm is beneficial. The OSC will put out requests for bid. A few reroutes of the 1.5 mile loop trail are needed, and Charlie recommends moving the snow mobile bridge a few feet. There was discussion about regulations. The Snow Mobile Club supports the restoration of the Mill Brook Trail and voted to donate \$3,000 to the project, according to Andrew Goodwin. The OSC is awaiting approval from the Snow family to open this trail to the public. Motion made and carried that ConsComm will write a letter of support for the restoration of Mill Brook Trail.

We reviewed the **4-MILE BROOK SITE**. Charlie has been in contact with Anna Santana who shared that she has not heard back from SDE Engineering (which did the original survey work on her property around 2006), and no work has been done. Members agreed we need to continue to ask that a wetlands delineation be done soon.

A resident called in regarding **tree cutting on Pine Street**. Bill checked it out, and it was just one tree. The Sewer Dept cut the tree because it was interfering with a manhole.

ConsComm received a lengthy **OLD LAUDRY LANDFILL REPORT**, and nothing seemed remarkable. Robin shared that someone on the Board of Health has an understanding of the technical information.

MINUTES of November 18 meeting were unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 20, 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Unanimously approved at Zoom meeting March 17, 2021.

Electronically submitted to Town Clerk March 25, 2021. RK