Northfield Historical Commission

Town Hall Pavilion, June 8, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Mary King

MINUTES

Present: Stacy Bond, Don Campbell, Bee Jacque, Carol Lebo, Joe Graveline, Mary King

Absent: Lis McLoughlin, Joan Stoia

Minutes of Feb. 25 2020 meeting accepted unanimously, M: Don S: Joe

OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

Schell Bridge – Bee reported that MassDOT will hold a public 25% design meeting by the fall. Right of Way (RoW) did not make it onto 2020 Town Meeting warrant. Schell Bridge Advisory Committee and Town Administrator need to address budget and timing of RoW in coming year.

2023 celebrations - no action, Stacy and Mary signed up for the committee

Battlefield/Council Fires - Joe: Nolumbeka seeks garden volunteers to grow heritage seeds

Applying for phase 3 of Battlefield grant in August

King Philip's Hill path has been rerouted by bordering landowner. Two signs down/in disrepair. Conservation Commission is on it

Visitor center - no news

Clockwork Tax Request - Planning Committee is now ready to look at it

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dam relicensing with CRC - Joe: Connecticut River Conservancy is making documentary on river erosion, and Joe is interviewed in it

Sensitivity Map - nothing new

Resolution for annual town meeting – suggested by CRC and revised by NHC concerning river bank erosion caused by FirstLight, the resolution has been submitted for placement on the warrant. Directs select board to send letter to FERC

NHC going forward – Carol's house has sold and she will be resigning. Joan will also be leaving as a full board member and possibly become an alternate member, due to family circumstances. Discussion of

possible new members to invite next meeting produced 3 names and Stacy Bond and Don Campbell will reach out to these individuals to gauge interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Gibson right of first refusal – removal of land (80 West Rd.) from Chap. 61: NHC passes on right of first refusal, the land has no historical significance to the best of our current knowledge. M: Joe S: Don, Unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7/14, 1:00, Senior Pavilion or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:30, M: Joe S: Don, Unanimous.

Respectfully,

Mary King

NHC Secretary