

# Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes, Dec. 15, 2015

Town Hall – Planning Board Room

*Items in italics require action prior to next meeting. Note abbreviations at end of minutes.*

Present: Mike Barry, Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Joanne McGee, Sue Ross, Jerry Wagener, Chair.

Absent: Bob Hall, Leslie Powers, Kate Rossiter (LOA)

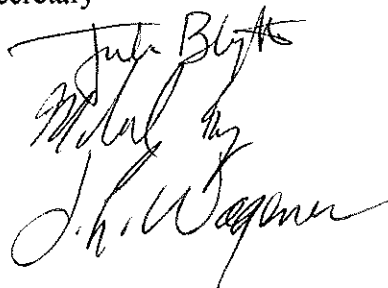
The meeting opened at 7:40.

1. Minutes: The minute for November 11, 2015, were approved with a minor change. Sue/Julia
2. Member comments: Jerry announced (1) the kiosk is installed at Collier Cemetery trailhead; (2) the barn brochure is in the works. *Joanne suggested that Jerry send the draft to Jamie Pottern, the farm coordinator at Mount Grace.*
3. TPL/NMH project update: The \$250,000 grant from Walmart will help close the funding gap. A draft lease, edited by TPL, is in the works. A revised draft map divides the parcels to go with the lease. J. T. Horn is working with DCR and EEA about the DEP regulations. NMH and MG are working on the details of the road construction at a great Hemlock track. MG sent NMH a cease and desist order to stop building the road as the road may be illegal under the conservation restriction. *Jerry will send a note to David Graham Wolfe after the Conservation Committee meeting tomorrow night.*
4. Community Park: Robin reported that the committee has prepared the necessary uniqueness statement and distributed a sketch of the proposed park layout. It was suggested that the boundary be reworked to remove the laundry building from the site. Sue suggested that the Community Park Committee contact the UMASS School of Landscape architecture and planning about a class project to design the park.
5. TGP pipeline update: The town applied to be an intervenor as did Greater Northfield Watershed Association. *Joanne will contact Tom Geser about the Brush Mt. boundaries.*
6. Alderbrook accessible trail: Matthias Nevins says that DCR is reviewing the landscape for Native American concerns.
7. 2017 budget: Jerry submitted a 2017 budget request that is the same as our 2016 budget.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be January 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee

Secretary



TPL

NMH

DEP

DCR

FRCOG

DFW

EEA

GNWA

Trust for Public Land

Northfield Mount Hermon School

Department of Environmental Protection

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Greater Northfield Watershed Association