

Northfield Open Space Committee

minutes November 24, 2020

Zoom meeting 7 p.m.

Items in italics require action before next meeting.

Present: Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jerry Wagener

Absent: Jenny Tufts

Guest: Helena Farrell, FRCOG

1. Minutes: The minutes for 9/15, 10/20 and 11/10 were approved. Jerry/Julia 4-0
2. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2020 revision: The committee reviewed the draft Action Plan map prepared by FRCOG. Arrows connect to locations in town. General town-wide objectives have no arrows. After some discussion, it was decided that areas to be protected would be designated by some sort of orange blob and the identifying list would remain bolded.

(My Zoom failed at this point so I may have missed some discussion.)

Jerry asked that proposed trail from Pauchaug boat ramp to the Schell Bridge become an action step, both in the list and on the map. *Helena will add; Julia will make minor editing and language changes.*

Historical Commission continues to work on Section 3. Helena will send Sections 5 -9 to committee members in a couple of weeks. She still needs to finalize information from First Light. FRCOG is developing an interactive virtual public meeting to review the plan. We will also place draft copies at the town hall and library.

3. Millbrook Wetland project: The committee reviewed the scope of work provided by Julia. Distributed to potential contractors, the scope of work provides the basis for bids. We will ask for bids for both a fiberglass and a wooden snowmobile bridge. Joanne contacted Andrew Goodwin, treasurer of the Northfield Snowmobile Club, about the bridge reconstruction. *Andrew mentioned that a snowmobile bridge has specific specs which Jerry will research on the Snowmobilers of Massachusetts website www.sledmass.com. (Andrew – 413-325-5465. andrewngoodwin@gmail.com)* The club is enthusiastic about the project and will provide labor and money.

Because the Fire department is considering the Snow parcel fronting Main St. as a possible site, the 200' boundary of the wetlands needs to be delineated. The only person who can do this work, a certified wetlands inspector, is unavailable now. The Surprise Trail parallels Main St. and would be located at the back of possible construction. The Surprise Trail is also used to access the sewer line. *Julia will send the Scope of Work to both the Snows and the Conservation Commission and attend the next Con Com meeting.*

4. Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, a week earlier than usual.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary