

# Northfield Open Space Committee

## Minutes

January 12, 2021 via zoom

*Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.*

**Present:** Julia Blyth, Joanne McGee, Jenny Tufts, Jerry Wagener

**Absent:** Sue Space, Robin Conley

**Guest:** Helena Farrell, FRCOG

The meeting opened at 7:02

1. OSRP review: The Public Forum will be Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Helena will present a power point emphasizing the Action Plan including the map. Kimberly Noake MacPhee, FRCOG planner, will be present for questions about First Light relicensing. The differences between this OSRP and the last OSRP are increased emphasis on climate change, "forever Wild" considerations, and Historical Commission additions about Native Americans. The plan integrates the 2014 Master Plan and the new zoning bylaw changes. Once this plan and the Municipal Vulnerability Plan are certified, Northfield will be eligible for substantial grant funds, including carbon sequestration projects and forest stewardship plans.  
After the February presentation, support letters are needed from the Selectboard, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and FRCOG. The committee discussed First Light relicensing issues; Helena urged to town to notify Kimberly to become part of the coalition.
2. Minutes: The minutes for December 8, 2020, were approved. Julia/Jenny 4-0
3. NorthfieldCAN request to review Moody Center proposal: The committee will not review the proposal at this time as it is not in its purview.
4. Solar siting: Julia wrote a note to Stephen Seredynski, chair of Planning Board. *She will send her letter and his reply to members.* The Planning Board says it does not have time to study the proposal.
5. Citizen Stewardship Award: Julia asked committee members to send in suggestions by next meeting.
6. Budget request and Annual report: Seeing no unusual requests, Julia will request level funding of \$1400 from the Finance Committee. *Jenny will help Julia draft the Annual Report and have it ready by the February meeting.*
7. Mill Brook project: Because Ed Snow is not comfortable with any formal right of way or easement, which is required for the Trails grant, we will not be able to do the snowmobile bridge. Instead, *Julia will submit a grant proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for \$5,000 to fund the remainder of the trail and bridge work.* This \$5,000 includes the Tommy Dock system for the extension of the marsh bridge and other materials. Labor will be