

Northfield Open Space Committee

Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022 - Town Hall

**Present:** Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Matt Diluzio, Joanne McGee, Sue Space, Jenny Tufts

1. Minutes: The minutes of Aug. 11, 2022, were approved. Robin/Sue 6-0
2. Kiosks: Ryan Anastos completed and erected the replacement kiosk at Brush Mt. parking lot. Matt and Joanne will stain the kiosk with Robin's leftover stain. The committee will meet Thursday, Oct 13, at 10 am at the library parking lot to install the Mill Brook signs. Julia will contact sewer department about moving the MB kiosk.
3. PVRS: Priscilla Kinsella, PVRS Superintendent, is interested in all aspects of the stewardship plan for the school property. Cooper Bullock is organizing a volunteer workday on Oct 22 to refurbish trails. Robin will contact him and/or John Lepore about attending the Conservation Commission meeting on Oct. 19 for a Request of Applicability for his work. Ms. Kinsella is also interested in refurbishing the trail behind the Northfield Elementary School.
4. 350<sup>th</sup>: Joanne is working on her Calvin Swan brochure. Julia will send her the Brush Mt. logo and the Calvin Swan notes from the destroyed kiosk. Julia talked with Andrew Vernon about organizing some sort of canoe/kayak excursion on the Ct. River from Pauchaug boat ramp.
5. Member comments: Robin described her spectacular success in removing invasives from her property. Jenny suggested a program at her house as a follow-up to the successful invasive presentation last month done by the Conservation Commission and First Light. Robin also reported that the Community Preservation fund has \$5,112.00 designated for Open Space and \$2,859.00 for the Mill Brook project. There is \$66,620 in the undesignated fund. Since Howard Hastings is anxious to build a railing on one side of the



new marsh bridge, we can use the leftover funds for wood. Sue Space will talk with the Planning Board about the status of the Solar Siting Bylaw.

Joanne presented a new brochure about black land stewardship which highlights four black farmers in the Northeast.

Jenny announced her resignation after many long years of service too open space in Northfield. Thank you, Jenny.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary