

Northfield Open Space Committee

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 – Town Hall

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

Guest: Mallory Sullivan, Northfield coordinator for grants and economic development (via Zoom)

1. Minutes: The minutes of October 27 were approved. Sue/Robin 5-0
2. Mill Brook Sign placement: Robin met with Misha (library director) and Tom Walker (highway department) who agreed about a new placement of the kiosk behind the east side of the library parking lot fence. Julia, Robin, and Matt will move the sign Wed, 12/14, at 10 am.
3. Town kiosks: Andrea Llamas has asked for a list and photos of kiosks on town property for insurance purposes.. Julia has photos of King Philips Hill and Brush Mt. kiosks. She will add Hobo Falls. Joanne will contact Mount Grace to see if the land trust owns/insures the kiosk at the top of Alexander Hill Road. Collier Cemetery kiosk is on state land? Golf course kiosk may be owned by the golf course.
4. 350th outdoors: We have misplaced Annie's final map of Mill Brook. Julia is working on the GPS coordinates for Calvin Swan site.
5. Mallory Sullivan: Mallory introduced herself and explained that she will be working on grants and economic development once she familiarizes herself with town committees. She has a varied background and experience with local government, nonprofits, and conservation.
6. Member comments:
 - Matt's walk in Blake Town Forest went well with some new people and some old familiars.
 - Vernal pool talk at library 12/13 at 5:30.
 - KPH abutter and Julia straightened out trail map problem. KPH clean up needed in Spring.
 - Robin reports an additional wetland delineation at Mill Brook by a trusted delineator. Robin hopes to schedule a public walk of Mill Brook with the new DEP circuit rider for Western Mass.
 - Robin expressed concern about the lack of action of the Stewardship Advisory Committee which is responsible for the management of town conservation properties. The Stewardship Advisory Committee has not been meeting, and the Open Space Committee is doing much of its work. "We are enabling the Stewardship Committee". She will talk with the Conservation Commission.
7. Citizen Stewardship Award: Committee members should bring potential nominees to the January meeting.
8. Adjournment and next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne McGee, Secretary