

# Northfield Open Space Committee

## Minutes

Aug 27, 2019

Town Hall Conference Room

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

**Present:** Julia Blyth, chair; Robin Conley, Joanne McGee.

**Absent:** Sue Space, Jerry Wagener.

**Guest:** Amanda Lewis, DCR Trails Grant Program and Trails Planner  
Resident hikers, bikers, and skiers (names on separate sheet)

The meeting opened at 7:00.

1. State Forest Trail updates: Amanda Lewis reviewed the progress since DCR purchased the forestland from NMH. Student Conservation Corps (SCR) worked on the trail in 2017 and 2018, and a contractor worked on the parking lot. Amanda outlined the future steps.

The trail map will be finished and published once the yellow trail is rerouted around private property. *Amanda will contact volunteers to work on the rerouting using DCR requirements which include liability waivers and hand tools only.* Steve Hubbard, the operations supervisor at Erving handles the Volunteer Service Agreement and is the contact person for any blowdowns on the trails.

*Amanda, with volunteer help, will reconfigure the intersection where yellow, red, and blue trails meet and will plan some shortcuts. Amanda will set up a doodle poll to schedule a meeting of volunteers.*

DCR and DEP will place boundary signs between the DCR land and the watershed to stop violations.

2. Trail updates: The Brush Mt trail, now blazed blue rather than the NET white, goes part of the way along the ridge. The continuation of the trail to Crag Mt. is blacked out. Robin announced a mountain lion sighting on private property and reported that there is some buckthorn and multiflora rose at the Meadowbrook Trail.
3. Minutes: The minutes for July 16, 2019, were approved. Julia/Robin 3-0.
4. Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, at 7 p.m. FRCOG will bring draft Chapters 3 and 4 of the revised OSRP.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary



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NMH Northfield Mount Hermon School  
DEP Department of Environmental Protection  
DCR Department of Conservation and Recreation  
FRCOG Franklin Regional Council of Governments  
DFW Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Attendees at Aug. 27 meeting:

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