

Northfield Conservation Commission
Stewardship Advisory Committee
Minutes 10/1/15

Present: Charlie Blanker, Julia Blyth, Nick Fleck, Chair; Joanne McGee, Jerry Wagener

1. Kinder Morgan: The Select w3Board asked the committee for its opinion on KM's request for permission to survey town conservation land. After a lengthy discussion, the committee approved

The Stewardship/Advisory sub-committee does not support the surveying by Kinder Morgan Inc. on conservation lands of Northfield, Mass., except as is done on foot. If Kinder Morgan, Inc. does any surveying on Northfield conservation lands complete copies of their surveying are to be forwarded to

2. Update on Northfield Mount Hermon land: The committee discussed the Trust for Public Land's option to purchase NMH forest land. Jerry explained the situation with the water company. Joanne will send TPL's

3. Eastern Hemlock Wooly Adelgid/Elongate Hemlock Scale: The committee discussed possible action on town conservation lands. Nick will talk to the Conservation Commission about further action.

4. Minutes: The minutes of October 6, 2015, were approved with minor changes. Charlie/Julia 4-0

5. Statement about purpose of land stewardship committee: Joanne distributed a draft statement which included examples of activities. She will incorporate suggestions from earlier submissions and send out a revised copy. Nick will talk with the Town Manager about a special fund for conservation purposes.

6. Conservation land database: Mallory distributed copies of her draft database of conservation lands in Northfield. She also brought in physical binders for each property with a conservation restriction under

7. Wildlife conference: Joanne reported on the conference sponsored by Dept. of Fisheries and Game. DFG is stressing the need for caring for wildlife habitat on conservation lands and emphasized the need for more shrubby grassland. She met Fletcher Clark, the state forester for our region. She also mentioned two

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be December 3, 2015. At 7 p.m.

Submitted,

Nick Fleck, Chair