

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting on September 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Pam Knox at 6:45 pm.

I. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Commissioners Pam Knox, Russ Barrett, Christine Barnes, Leslie Matthews, and Laura Hill-Eubanks.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting on August 14, 2013 were approved 5-0-0.

III. DISCUSSION

- a. **Action Plan for Town Plan:** Christine has prepared an Action Plan for the NCC to work on reviewing the Town Plan and coming up with draft language to present to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Commissioners were each given chapters of the Plan to work on; Chapter 2 (Natural and Cultural Resources) will be reviewed by all Commissioners.

The goal is to have long-term strategies and draft content ready by the October meeting. Draft language/content will be reviewed at the November meeting for subsequent presentation to the PC.

- b. **AVCC Conference 10/5:** Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) meeting is October 5 in Bradford. The NCC is sending several Commissioners. We have asked the town to allow us \$50 in funds to cover the fee for the NCC to become members of the AVCC. The fee also includes the registration for Commissioners to attend the October 5 meeting and the associated educational seminars.
- c. **Lowell Mountain Wind Farm Tour:** Tabled until next meeting
- d. **Riparian Buffers:** Laura met with Kim McKee, from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and Milly Archer, from VT League of Cities and Towns, to discuss riparian buffers. Northfield is part of a project that aims to review the town plan and regulations for potential improvements that could be incorporated that relate to Green Infrastructure and stormwater management. As part of the review, the NCC will work with the two organizations to come up with suggestions for riparian buffers, the goal of which would be to protect rivers and water quality, river banks and property, and wildlife habitat.

Leslie and Laura will work on the riparian buffers part of the town planning effort and will meet with Kim, Milly, and Michele Braun on Sept. 12 to further discuss the town plan review.

- e. **Energy Challenge:** Tabled until next meeting

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Hill-Eubanks.

These minutes are subject to changes and approval at the next regular meeting, but are substantially correct.